



THE TRANSITION SERIES

March 2014

SPEED School District 802

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Tuesdays: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Central Office Entrance: Door D

NEXT STEPS is a parent training organization and resource network for families of students who have a disability. **NEXT STEPS** teams throughout Illinois provide a series of training workshops that are designed to increase knowledge of the transition process. Participants in the trainings include professionals in the field as well as parents of students who have a disability. The workshop consists of eight modules that deal with the overall planning process and service linkage that will positively impact the student's future.

The **NEXT STEPS** training team will be presenting the following modules:

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Transition: Making it in the Real World and Roadmaps to the Future

IDEA requires transition planning for all students with disabilities. Participants will learn the transition planning process which will include the intent of the law and transition goal development. Graduation requirements, age of majority and guardianship consideration, and the Summary of Performance will also be discussed within these modules.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Self-Advocacy and Supports: Keys to Independence and Moving On: Life in the Community

Students with disabilities are learning to make choices about their lives. In school and in the community they are finding the words and behaviors to communicate their opinions, preferences, and concerns. Within these module presentations the importance of self-determination and self-advocacy as related to transition goal achievement will be discussed.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Planning for the Future of Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities Presented by Brian & Benjamin Rubin, Attorneys

- Government Benefits Overview
- **PUNS**
- Special Needs Estate & Future Planning
- Children's Waiver for children under 18
- Guardianship and Alternatives
- Planning for when the school years are over and navigating the maze of adult services

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Adult Life: Effective Partnerships and Accessing Services

Join us to learn the resources and services available to individuals with disabilities in the Southland area. Agency resources will share information about the services they provide to assist students in reaching their goals.

For additional information or to register, contact Elaine Young at (708) 481-6100 ext. 3567 or eyoung@speed802.org .