

Next Steps: The Transition Series

Illinois NEXT STEPS the Transition Series has been developed in partnership with the Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services and Virginia Commonwealth University to assist parents and families in preparing students for the change from life as a student in school to life as a citizen of the community.

For all young people, preparing for this change is complicated. For students with disabilities and their families, preparing for such changes can be particularly challenging, overwhelming and exciting!

"I would recommend this for all parents of students with disabilities- even those in elementary school."

— Parent from Burr Ridge



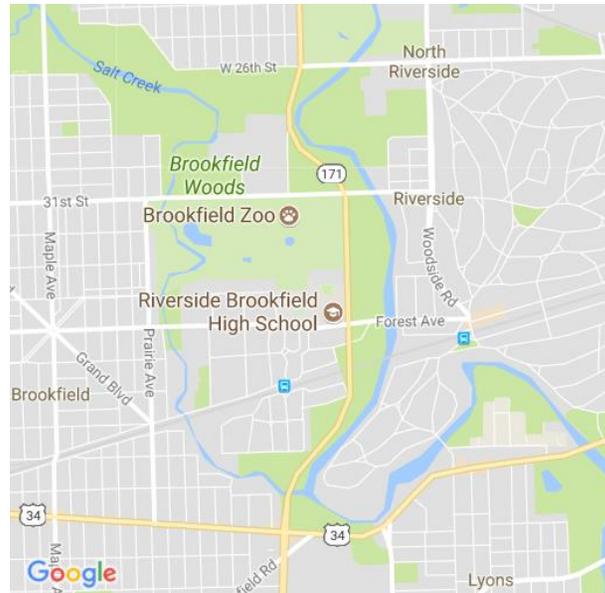
Join us for the Next Step Workshops at

Riverside Brookfield High School

160 Ridgewood Road

Riverside, IL 60546

www.nextstepsillinois.org



Riverside Brookfield High School is located at 160 Ridgewood Rd. The main entrance is on Golf Road, facing Brookfield Zoo South Gate.

Parking is adjacent to the school on the north and side of the building. Please allow time for travel. Construction continues in that area.

Signs will be posted internally with the room number for each event.



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A Training Series on
Transition Planning

Designed
for

Parents and
Family Members

**2017 NEXT STEPS
Training Series &
Transition
Resource Fair**

The NEXT STEPS Transition Series

1. Transition: Making it in the Real World

Tuesday October 3, 2017 6:00—8:30PM
Riverside Brookfield High School

Participants will review the four critical goals of transition and consider practical activities which promote their achievement. Participants will become familiar with pertinent federal legislation and understand the important roles for family members in the planning.

"I wish I would have come to this series two years ago!" — Guardian from Oak Forest

2. Transition Plans: Roadmaps to the future

Tuesday October 10, 2017 6:00—8:30PM
Riverside Brookfield High School

IDEA requires transition planning for all students with disabilities. Participants will learn how transition planning can be incorporated into students' ongoing special education plans. The influence of competency testing, graduation requirements, diplomas, integration and curriculum emphasis on transition plans will be discussed.



3. Planning Ahead: Future Finances and Supports

Tuesday October 17th 6:00—8:30PM
Riverside Brookfield High School

Nancy Spain of Spain, Spain, & Varnet will be presenting on ways to set up your finances to protect and provide for your family member with a disability. Other issues that will be discussed will be public benefits, Social Security support, Guardianship and how to plan effectively. Materials will include information on writing a Letter of Intent and coordinating supports.

"The material, the presentations, the networking - the best." — Parent from La Grange

4. Moving On: Life in the Community

Thursday November 9, 2017 6:00—8:30PM
Riverside Brookfield High School

Do satisfying work opportunities for young adults with disabilities really exist in the community? During this workshop, a panel of adult community service representatives will provide information and answer questions regarding local employment, education, and independent living options.

You can register for one or more workshops.

"I attended all five workshops. Each one was beneficial and will make a difference in planning for my daughter's future." — Parent from Riverside



5. Moving on to the World of Work and The NEXT STEPS Resource Fair

Thursday November 16, 6:00—7:15PM
Holiday Inn William Tell, Joliet Road, Countryside

Learning about planning for the World of Work covers high school vocational programs and post-high school programs, funding and terminology. The bonus with this workshop is an added opportunity to visit with over 35 vendors including high schools, adult programs and colleges /universities at the Transition Resource Fair. This evening's events are held at William Tell Holiday Inn, in Countryside. The Resource Fair is 6:00-8:00pm.

This Year's Series is Hosted By:

**Riverside Brookfield High School
160 Ridgewood Road
Riverside, IL 60546**

Registration is FREE

Seating is limited.

Registration period:

September 11th through September 29th
You may register for one or all workshops.

To Register:

Online: email: kmazza@ladse.org

By Phone: contact Kristine at **708-482-1186**