

# Our Mission

*The mission of Illinois NEXT STEPS is to:*

Improve the delivery of services to children with disabilities and their families; develop and/or support productive relationships between families and persons working with their children; increase family awareness of disability options and resources; and link families experienced with disability issues to families seeking assistance.

## Directions to the KCC North Extension Center:

Located at 450 N. Kinzie Ave., Bradley, the North Extension Center is at the corner of Kinzie Avenue (Route 50) and Mulligan Drive. It is less than 1.5 miles south of Interstate 57.

The North Extension Center is also accessible by River Valley Metro bus route #3 – Northfield Square Mall. The Mulligan Drive stop is across from the North Extension Center main entrance.

Kankakee County  
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# NEXT STEPS The Transition Series

Presented by:  
Kankakee County NEXT STEPS Team  
Fall 2016



**NEXT STEPS is a Parent Training and Resource Network focused on the topic of planning for a student's successful transition from high school to adult life.**

Session dates : Tuesdays October 4, 11, 18, 25  
6:00—8:30 pm

Kankakee Community College North Extension Center  
450 Kinzie Avenue - Bradley, IL

## In addition to the regular NEXT STEPS material we have added exciting new content!

### **1** *Transition: Making it in the Real World*

Tuesday, October 4                      6:00—8:30 pm

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. Guest speaker **Dr. Geneva Walters** will share her story as an adult sibling of an individual with special needs and what can happen when transition details are not taken care of—*What Happens when the Yellow Bus No Longer Comes?*

### **2** *Transition Plans: Roadmaps to the Future*

Tuesday, October 11                      6:00—8:30 pm

IDEA requires transition planning for all students with disabilities. Participants will learn how transition planning can be incorporated into a student's ongoing special education plan. The parent/guardian and student roles in the development of transition plans will be discussed. We are excited to **bring in a number of young adults and their parents** who have already navigated the transition process. **They will share their experiences with you and offer advice to help you on your way.**

### **3** *Moving On: Life in the Community*

Tuesday, October 18                      6:00—8:30 pm

Do satisfying opportunities for young adults with disabilities really exist in the community? During this workshop information regarding local employment, education/training and independent living options will be presented. Attendees will have the opportunity to **visit an agency fair and speak individually with representatives from local agencies** that provide services in the transition areas of employment, education/training and employment. You won't want to miss this one!

### **4** *Planning Ahead: Future Finances & Supports*

Tuesday, October 25                      6:00—8:30 pm

Information will be presented 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. We are happy to welcome back **Sherry Schneider from Family Benefits Solutions** who will share her expertise on accessing and maintaining benefits.

**Registration is Free  
Seating is Limited**

**Don't miss these guest  
speakers!!**

**2016 Fall Registration  
August 1 – October 25**

**You may register for one or  
all of the sessions.**

**\*\*To Register Online:  
[www.nextstepsillinois.org](http://www.nextstepsillinois.org)**

**\*\*To Register by Phone:  
contact Andrea Baldwin at  
815-602-8212**

**When registering please  
indicate if you need an  
interpreter or alternate  
form of materials.**

It will be helpful to bring a  
binder for materials.