

# Welcome to the Transition Conference!

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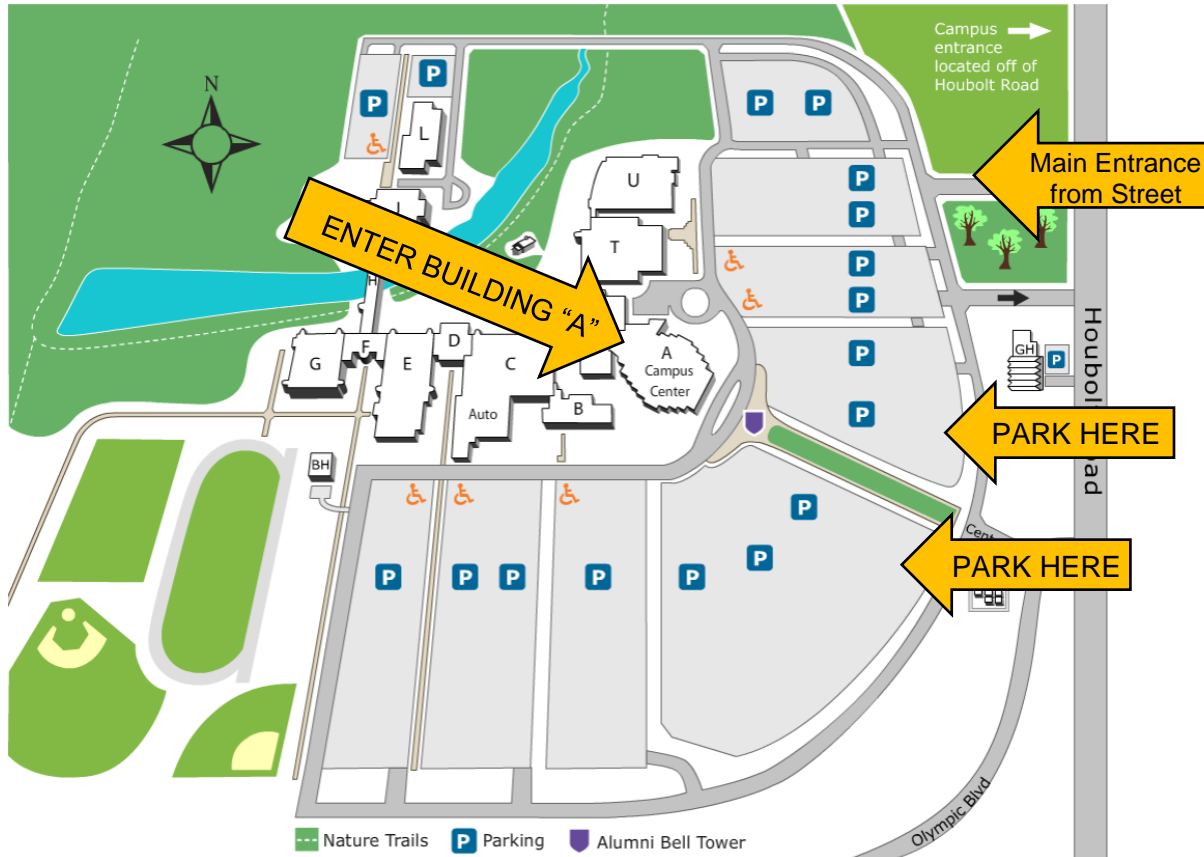
The *Will-Grundy Transition Planning Committee*

presents the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Transition Conference

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Joliet Junior College  
Buildings A - C



## Schedule of Events

- 8:00 am - 8:30 am Speakers and Exhibitors Sign In and Set Up
- 8:30 am - 9:00 am Parents, Students, and Teachers Sign In and Visit Exhibitors
  
- 9:00 am – noon Presentations run in 30, 45, or 60 minute sessions  
See schedule in this program and plan your morning based on your interests. Thank you for coming today!

\*\* Exhibitor Tables are available during all presentations as well

9:00-9:30

9:30-10:00

10:00-10:30

C-2003	<b>Regional Transportation Authority/ RTA</b> <i>RTA Programs for Transition Students in Will County</i> <i>Fare programs, travel training, trip planning, and accessibility features</i>  <i>Kristen Salkas, RTA</i>		<b>Pace Suburban Bus</b> <i>Information on fixed routes, Paratransit and Dial-a-Ride</i>  <i>Beth Gonzalez, Pace Bus</i>
C2004	<b>Options for Adult Services after High School</b> <i>How to apply for and purchase services through Adult Home Based Waiver and Information on Community Employment, Personal Supports and Day Program Services</i>  <i>Hannah Bowell &amp; Denise Gaska, Illinois Valley Industries</i>		<b>Career Access Network</b> <i>Description of Trinity's Career Access Network and employment services</i>  <i>(*til 10:45)</i>
A1002	<b>Special Needs Trusts &amp; How to Obtain Lifetime Government Benefits</b> <i>Informing you "How to Navigate the Illinois Disability System" so you can obtain Lifetime Government Benefits &amp; maintain the benefits</i>  <i>Robert H. Farley, Jr., Attorney At Law</i>		<b>Transition from High School to Adulthood: What you need to know about Life Long Planning</b>  <i>(*til 11:00)</i>
A1125	<b>Client Assistance Program</b> <i>Helping people with disabilities receive quality services, resolve problems, &amp; protect rights</i>  <i>Beatrice Laughlin, DRS</i>	<b>Student Panel</b> <i>A panel of students with disabilities discussing their experiences in higher education</i>  <i>Disability Awareness Club</i>	<b>Accessing High Education</b> <i>Information on the changes students with disabilities face when going to college</i>  <i>(*til 11:00)</i>
A1061	<b>ABLE Accounts: the who, what, where, when and why</b> <i>Information on ABLE accounts and the 2017 federal tax act changes to ABLE; this includes a discussion on how they relate to / work with special needs trusts</i>  <i>Brian Rubin, Attorney and Fellow Parent</i> <i>Rubin Law, A Professional Corporation</i>		<b>Guardianship &amp; the Alternative to Guardianship</b> <i>Legal updates on required training for guardians and required reporting</i>  <i>(*til 11:00)</i>

# My Day

Use this table to record the sessions that you want to attend.

## Exhibitors – Building A hallway

### POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Table P	<b>ELSA at Elmhurst College</b> – A college experience for 18-28 year-old adults with differing abilities
Table T	<b>ICRE Illinois Center for Rehab &amp; Ed-Roosevelt</b> – Transition and Vocational programs for 18-22 year-old students with physical disabilities
Table C	<b>Illinois Student Assistance Commission</b> – The trusted source of college planning information for Illinois students and their parents, as well as the higher education community professionals who serve them
Table V	<b>JJC</b> – Information about scholarship programs
Table D	<b>JJC Disability Awareness Club</b> – A group of students that help provide a safe and supportive space for individuals with disabilities; they also promote / increase advocacy skills
Table E	<b>JJC Disability Services</b> – Assists JJC students who request accommodations in determining eligibility for services and in coordinating approved accommodations
Table AF	<b>Western Illinois University Disability Resource Center</b> – Information about the WIU Disability Resource Center

### RECREATION / LEISURE

Table I	<b>Shady Oaks Camp</b> – Information about their residential summer camp program
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### RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Table F	<b>DD Homes</b> – Operates group homes that provide residential services for adults with disabilities
Table R	<b>Genesee Lake School</b> – Residential treatment, educational, and auxiliary services for adolescents & young adults with behavioral and emotional disorders co-occurring with developmental disabilities

### MISCELLANEOUS

Table N	<b>Disability Resource Center</b> – information on amplified phones, Assistive Technology for Children Program, personal assistants, and information about the Center
Table S	<b>Illinois Assistive Technology</b> – Assistive Technology devices for transition students
Table A	<b>PACE Suburban Bus</b> – Information on public transportation and Paratransit
Table B	<b>Regional Transportation Authority</b> – Information on public transit services, fare programs, travel training programs, Dial-a-Ride, ADA Paratransit and services for fare cards
Table AE	<b>VIP Service Dog Foundation</b> – They train dogs for people with different abilities

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### ADVOCACY GROUPS

- Table X **Plainfield NEXT STEPS** – Providing information about Plainfield’s NEXT STEPS family workshops on transition
- Table Z **Services Inc.** – Assists in gaining access to funding for day programs, residential, and other services
- Table AB **The Arc of Illinois** – Offers statewide resources and information to families with persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities

### BROAD-RANGE SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Table K **Cornerstone Services** – Provides progressive, comprehensive services for people with disabilities, including employment, mental health, community, and behavioral health services
- Table L **DayOne Pact, Inc.** – Serves individuals of all ages with an array of disabilities including developmental disabilities, mental illness, brain injuries and issues of aging
- Table O **Division of Rehabilitation Services** – Explaining services that the Client Assistance Program provides
- Table G **Family Resource Center on Disabilities** – Providing parents of children with disabilities with information, training, assistance and support
- Table U **Illinois Valley Industries** – Provides services for personal support, day programs, self-directed assistance, and community employment
- Table AA **St. Coletta’s of Illinois / Kennedy School** - Providing educational, vocational and residential services for children and adults with developmental disabilities; exhibit will center on culinary job services
- Table J **Trinity Services, Inc.** – Provides a wide range of programs and services for adults and children with developmental disabilities and /or behavioral health needs
- Table AC **UCP-Seguín of Greater Chicago** – Adult service providers that offer day, employment, and transition services to adults with development disabilities; residential, respite, and HBS services too
- Table AD **UIC’s Specialized Care for Children** – Services for children with special medical needs, ages 0-21

### EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- Table H **VSFSP (Vocational Skills Food Service Program) at JJC** – Provides food preparation and cooking training for high school students with developmental disabilities
- Table M **DHS / DRS** – Provides vocational, educational, and independent living services; explaining S.T.E.P.

### LEGAL / FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Table Q **Family Benefit Solutions** – Empowers families with knowledge about transitional terms (PUNS and other acronyms) and timeline for parents
- Table W **Life’s Plan, Inc.** – Financial firm specializing in helping those with special needs and their families to set up Special Needs Trusts and Pooled Trusts
- Table Y **Rubin Law** – Information and resources for families of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to learn more about important legal and future planning

	10:30-11:00	11:05-12:00
C-2003	<b>Introduction to Assistive Technology &amp; IATP</b> <i>Introduction to assistive technology for students and who IATP is / what IATP can do for students</i> <b>Sue Castles, IATP</b>	<b>(11:15) Crossing the Bridge</b> <i>Information about transition after high school into adulthood; resident and day program services</i>  <b>John Mirecki, DD Homes</b>
C2004	<i>(continued)</i>  <b>Kristina Zappavigna</b> <b>Trinity Services Inc</b>	<b>(11:15) Pooled Trusts: How They Work &amp; Other Special Needs Planning Mechanisms</b> <i>What is a pooled trust? Why do you need one? How important is a trustee? What are the benefits / setbacks between using family trustee v corporate trustee</i>  <b>Scott Nixon, Executive Director Life’s Plan Inc.</b>
A1002	<i>Planning for the future: legal terms, programs, programs, etc.</i>  <b>Nancy Spain &amp; Gabrielle Romano</b> <b>Spain, Spain, &amp; Varnet, PC</b>	<b>SSI, SSDI, HFS, DHS: Understanding the alphabet soup of government benefits</b> <i>Interactive informative session that covers what these benefits are and why they are needed “like oxygen”</i>  <b>Sherri Schneider, Family Benefit Solutions</b>
A1125	<i>(continued)</i>  <b>Mindy Diaz, Disability Services Coordinator</b> <b>JJC</b>	<b>ABLE update</b> <i>What you need to know about ABLE accounts. (SPANISH ONLY)</i> <b>Consuelo Puente, Family Resource Center on Disabilities</b>
A1061	<i>(continued)</i>  <b>Brian Rubin, Attorney and Fellow Parent</b> <b>Rubin Law, A Professional Corporation</b>	<b>S.T.E.P.</b> <i>Eligibility requirements for STEP &amp; DRS post-graduation services</i>  <b>Cassandra Hotchkiss, DHS/DRS</b>
		<b>VSFS at JJC, 11 Years Young &amp; Getting Stronger Everyday</b> <i>Overview of this successful program.</i>  <b>Chef Fred Ferrara, M.Ed., CEC, CCE, CHE</b> <b>Joliet Junior College</b>
	<b>Session</b>	<b>Room</b>
	9:00	
	10:00	
	11:00	
		<b>Topic</b>

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Exhibitor descriptions can be found on the next page.



Hint - if you do not have time to speak with all of the exhibitors with whom you wanted to speak, ask for business cards. Most will be happy to receive a phone call from you next week to give you more information.

