



Students with disabilities and their families are invited to attend the Options Fair Monday, October 21, 6:00-8:00pm at Lyons Township South Campus, 4900 Willow Springs Rd, Western Springs. The OPTIONS FAIR was established to offer students with special needs an opportunity to meet with colleges and universities, trades/certification programs, as well as agencies that can provide services after high school. This program is free to the public and no pre-registration is required.

More than three dozen colleges and universities will attend, along with another three dozen other agencies focused on options after high school. The fair is divided into four clusters:

- College degree programs with information regarding admissions and accommodations.
- College experience programs for those interested in continuing their education formally after high school with a focus on developing vocational, social, independent living and academic skills for employment and beyond.
- Trades/certification programs with information regarding admissions and training opportunities in trades such as automotive, skilled manufacturing, HVAC, welding, and computer technology
- Adult agencies/services that will provide insight about accessing state funding and services, obtaining government benefits, guardianship, long-term financial planning, day programs and more.

We also will have three presentations.

- 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.: Samantha Salvato from College of DuPage: Transitioning from High School to College for Students with Disabilities
- 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.: Mark Harris from the University of Iowa: Top Mistakes Parents Make During the Transition to College
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.: Sherri Schneider from Benefit Solutions: SSI, SSDI, HFS – Understanding the Alphabet Soup of Government Benefits

For additional information, log on to the Options Fair website at www.optionsfair.org.