



September 17, 2026 meeting summary

Thriving Future TALKS; Why Every Family Belongs Here

About the Series

Thriving Futures Talks is a monthly education series designed to ***support all families of students receiving special education services (all ages)***. Each session introduces transition-related topics and connects families with resources to prepare for their child's future.

Why This Matters

- Adult services are complicated, spread out, and eligibility often requires early action.
- Learning about services now makes the process more manageable later.
- Families gain tools, advocacy skills, other parent support, and community connections.

Goals of the Thriving Talks

- **Transition Topics:** Oftentimes, the amount of information/support available can be overwhelming. Beginning the exploration process on subjects such as housing, benefits, work incentives, assistive tech, post-secondary education, transportation, healthcare, and more during the younger years will make the transition from school to adult living much more familiar, making it easier on everyone.
- **Adult Service Agencies:** Learn who provides services, how to access them, and how to advocate for your child..
- **Parent Connections:** Build a support network with other families through discussion and parent groups.

Featured Resources:

These resources are to help families begin to explore and learn, as well as identify actual resources and services if in a position to do so, based on the student's age. We encourage you to explore these websites.

- **IDD Navigator** – Free statewide online resource registry for organizations, media, and guides. More information on the website.

<https://iddnavigator.org>

- **Services, Inc.** (ISC for McHenry County) – Connects families to developmental disability services.
<https://www.svcincofil.org/> ****Presenting at our Oct. 15th meeting**

- **Arc of Illinois** – Advocacy and training organization for individuals with disabilities and families.
<https://www.hearcofil.org/>

Tip: Sign up for newsletters from these organizations to stay updated on opportunities and resources.

9/17/2025 Handouts

[Transition Plan timeline](#)

[IDD Community Acronyms](#)



Parent Support Group- Coming soon!

- Hosted by Huntley D158 Special Services.
- Parent-led, with a focus on support, resources, guidance, and fun.
- Open to all parents raising a student with an IEP.
- Complete this [FORM](#) or use the QR code (shared during presentation).

Upcoming Opportunities

- **SEAC Meeting:** September 24, 2025 ([Zoom](#), 6–7PM). The purpose of SEAC is to create a platform for families to come together, collaborate, learn, and build connections as a dedicated community focused on special education. If your child(ren) has/have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) this meeting is for you!

Upcoming Thriving Futures Talks: 6:30p-7:30pm, District 158 Admin Building

- **Oct 15, 2025** – Benefits, Healthcare, and Supports- guest speakers from Service Inc. and Clearbrook

- **Nov 12, 2025** – TBD

- **Dec. 17, 2025** Winter Mixer / Parent support group Kickoff

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