

## *Announcing...*

PathWays is a new initiative designed to encourage young adults with disabilities to more actively participate in the Important discussions regarding their life plans.

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Using principles of Self-Advocacy, coaches and peers will work with individuals and their families to set personal goals, to complete the process of attaining those goals, and to be able to apply the skills of Self-Advocacy to future endeavors.

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Seventy-five young adults, ages 16-24 will participate in a year-long course which will include a special two week academy during the summer of 2008.

Self-Advocacy is the ability to understand and effectively communicate one's needs to other individuals.

- Nancy Johnson



A Grant Project Funded by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

If you are interested in participating in this exciting program, please contact Pam Goodman, Project Director, 708. 508.2577

***You  
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Invited!!***

To an informational meeting  
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***PathWays***

An

**EmployAlliance®WSCCI  
Program to Support  
Self-Advocacy in  
Young Adults with  
Disabilities**

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## What?

PathWays is an innovative self advocacy program that will allow young adults to achieve their personal maximum Self-Advocacy. It includes a two-week Self-Advocacy summer academy, parent training, peer mentoring, and advocacy coaching.

We will focus on ten specific areas of Self-Advocacy:

- Asking for Help
- Self-Advocacy at Work
- Developing a Leadership Role in Planning Meetings
- Peer Relationships
- Knowing Rights
- Self-Esteem and Building Self-Confidence
- Taking Chances
- Learning about One's Disability and Explaining It to Others
- Knowing about and Asking for Accommodations
- Leadership

## Why?

A primary purpose of EmployAlliance@WSCCIF is to enable youth with disabilities to become adults leading purposeful lives which include meaningful work, satisfying friendships and leisure time, and maximum self-sufficiency and independence within the community.

The transition from the high school environment presents young people with new situations where Self-Advocacy can be critical. The PathWays Program is designed to empower and support young adults in achieving their individual Self-Advocacy goals and dreams.

Self-Advocacy is about being able to make meaningful decisions that affect one's life and ultimately determine which life path will be taken.

## Who?

Eligible students must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 16-24
- Meets the definition of having a developmental disability
- Attend one of the following schools/programs:
  - Hinsdale South
  - Hinsdale Central
  - Lyons Township
  - Riverside Brookfield
  - Helping Hand
- Be interested in learning more about self advocacy
- Be able to attend a two week Summer Academy in August of 2008.

Young adults who would like to participate in this project, should attend the informational session.

To register:

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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