

Wouldn't it be great if students with special needs and their families knew what opportunities were available to them upon finishing school? We think so, and that's why Yellowknife Association for Community Living's Family Project is partnering with Yellowknife Education District #1 and Yellowknife Catholic Schools to host this important event.

What is a Transitions Service Fair?

Similar to a trades fair, community organizations and government departments will set up display tables with all the usual goodies such as brochures, promo items, and representatives on hand to answer questions from students, families and educators.

Who should set up display tables?

Any organization or department which provides services, resources, or programs students with special needs should be aware of should participate and set up a display table. This includes agencies and departments that are both disability and non-disability specific that deliver services, administer programs or govern policies within community systems such as health, family supports, learning and education, income and employment, recreation, housing, etc.

Benefits to students and families?

The purpose of this event is to help families understand the importance of planning for their child's school to community transition and learn about resources available to their child upon finishing school.

Like everyone else, as they grow into adulthood, people with special needs want to be contributing and valued members of their community. They want a good job, home, income, health, friends and family, etc. Unfortunately, meeting these needs can be particularly challenging for people with special needs. We believe the first step in experiencing life to its fullest and developing to our potential, is being aware of available options. Informed decision making is of key importance for everyone.

Benefits to my organization?

It will help you promote what your organization does, what you have to offer, and how to access it. In some cases, the public is confused or has misinformation about organizations. This is the perfect opportunity to clarify purposes, eligibility criteria, etc. The Fair is also a great networking opportunity for participating organizations!

Benefits to educators?

Educators will have increased knowledge of community services and resources to help students plan their transition from school to community.

When and where is it happening?

The fair will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15th at École Sir John Franklin High School near the Northern Arts and Culture Centre canteen area. Set up time is between 12:15-3:30 p.m.

Who should attend the Transition Fair?

Our target audience is students with special needs, their families, and the educators that support them. People who have already left school and are in need of this information are also welcome.

How do I sign up or find out more?

If you have questions about the Transition Services Fair or to reserve a display table, please contact us at: (867) 766-4295 or familyconnections@ykacl.ca

