



NSSSED Family Weekly Update

April 24, 2019

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

New This Week

Parent Academy Workshop: Understanding and Supporting your Child's Social Development

When: Friday, April 26, 2019 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where: New Trier West High School; 7 N. Happ Road Building C, Room C234, Northfield

More Info: Join us as we share and discuss best practice methodologies and frameworks, including Social Thinking®, and strategies to utilize in supporting children and young adults with social learning differences. Discussion will include the components of social competency and strategies to model, teach, and support your child as they increase their awareness of how they interact with the social world around them and adapt their behavior. Presenters will speak to their unique experiences learning, coaching, and supporting students and staff throughout NSSSED and the member school districts.

Check out the [Flyer](#) or [Register online now!](#)

New This Week

Learning Together: Education and Public Policy; A Conversation with Madeleine Will

When: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Where: Gorton Community Center, 400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest

When: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Where: New Trier Township High School Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Road, Northfield

More Info: Madeleine Will, former Assistant Secretary of Education, plans to share highlights and lessons learned from her nearly 40 years of involvement in the evolution of publicly funded services for children and adults with disabilities. She will reflect on the importance of inclusive practices, and the growing national focus on community integrated living and employment for individuals with long-term care needs.

Check out the [Flyer](#) or **Register now!** <https://www.nsssed.org/events>

II Partners in Policymaking; A Leadership Training Program

When: Class 3 beginning on September 20 - 21, 2019

Where: Normal and Springfield, IL

More Info: PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING® (also known as Partners) is a leadership training program designed for adults with developmental disabilities and parents of school age children with developmental disabilities. Partners teaches leadership skills, and the process of developing positive partnerships with elected officials and other policymakers who make decisions about the services that you and your family use. Partners is accessible, informative

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and empowering. The graduates of Partners often become members of boards, councils, task forces and advisory committees; some run for elected office. Check out the [Flyer](#) for more!

NSSSED Schedule of Agency Visits [New Tours Added Every Week!](#)

NSSSED's Transition program schedules tours for parents to visit community agencies. Check out the [Spring Flyer](#) for the list of tours and to register. Questions about the tour or have a special request? Contact: Vicki Klein vklein@nsssed.org

STARNET Family Fellowships:

Family fellowships are used to reimburse parents for the expense of attending workshops, seminars or conferences up to \$200 per year. For further information follow this link: <https://www.thecenterweb.org/starnet/funding.html>

Social, Recreational & Learning Opportunities

Check out the list of [Summer Camps for 2019](#)

SociAbility Chicago Presents: Social Skills Drama Camps

When: Camps will meet from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Where: Northbrook

More Info: These week long camps are designed for a small groups (approximately 6 group members) ages 9-13 and will include a Therapist, a Professional Actor with 7 years of experience in Social Thinking Groups and two Counselors in Training from our high school program. Please contact the SociAbility office for more information regarding camps:

staff@sociabilitychicago.org or (847) 559-3240. Register online:

<https://www.sociabilitychicago.org/group-registration>

Autism Speaks Walk

When/ Where: [North Shore Walk: Sunday, April 28, 2019. New Trier High School](#)

When/ Where: Chicago Walk: Saturday, June 1, 2019. Soldier Field

More Info: Autism Speaks Walk is powered by the love of parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, relatives and support providers for people with autism. With every step you take and every dollar you raise, you help enhance lives today and accelerate a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow. Check out the [Flyer](#) or register online: AutismSpeaksWalk.org

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