

► Web Transition Resources for Adolescents or Young Adults

Access Living Youth Center -- <http://www.alyouthinfo.org/>

Across the country, young people with disabilities need information that will empower them to advocate for the lives they want. At this website, there is information by and about people who know what it's like living life with a disability. There's REAL information for REAL life with a disability: stuff about dating, activism, getting news, disability pride, and more. Some of the information on the web site pertains to Chicago-area activities and services, but there also is general information, especially in the first three menu items on the left-hand side of the home page, that is interesting and helpful.

Casey Life Skills -- www.caseylifeskills.org/index.htm

Sponsored by the Casey Family Programs and affiliated with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a private, not-for-profit organization devoted to serving children in foster care and children who are at risk for poor educational, economic, social, and health outcomes, this web site provides free and useful tools to help young people prepare for adulthood. Resources include personal assessments in English and Spanish, a life skills learning plan, a listserv registration opportunity, and many other resources.

Starbright World – <http://www.starbrightworld.org>

Sponsored by the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation, Starbright World is an online social network for seriously ill teens and their siblings that has provided thousands of sick teens with peer support through chat, instant message, bulletin boards, blogs, a message center and other tools. Users between the ages of 13 and 20 who are at home or in the hospital can register on Starbright World at no cost. Explore this service at where teens can connect with thousands of their peers who are battling similar diseases and conditions.

Think College – <http://thinkcollege.net>

The site is made possible through grants from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs and The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, National Center for the Study of Postsecondary Educational Supports. The site provides information about college possibilities for students with intellectual disabilities. The site is divided into sections for students, family members, and professionals and features a searchable database of postsecondary programs, a discussion board designed by students, the "Choice for Everyone" listserv, and a resource section.

