


**Your link to services is our  
Transition Outreach Specialists  
(TOS) who will:**

- Serve as the Primary contact for the program.
- Attend Individual Education Plan (IEP) staffing as part of each student's interdisciplinary team.
- Work with special education department staff to ensure the transition is part of the IEP.
- Develop and maintain linkages between families, special education staff and adult service providers.
- Provide an in-service training and coaching sessions for parents, guardians and students.
- Advocate for and assist in establishing eligibility for community services, such as employment, life skills training, residential services, and respite.
- Facilitate participation of students in seasonally offered Adult Transition Experiences to prepare them for adult services.

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**TRANSITION  
SERVICES**  
for special education  
students and their families



## What is Building Bridges to the Future?

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In 2009, several non-profit social service organizations came together combining their expertise in serving adults and children with developmental disabilities and other special needs to form a unique partnership.

The Building Bridges to the Future initiative was created to serve the needs of special education students and their families, as they face the challenges of transitioning successfully from high school to adult services.

Through this collaboration, students with developmental disabilities and their families learn what services are available for them as they try to navigate through this difficult period in their lives.

## PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH LINKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

### Entry into Developmental Disability System

- Pre-admission Screening Agencies (PAS)
- Prioritization of Urgency for Need for Services (PUNS)

### Financial/Medical Benefits

- Social Security
- Medicaid

### Legal Resources

- Guardianship
- Special Needs Trusts
- Power of Attorney
- Wills

### Program Funding

- Home and Community Based Waiver Programs
- Residential Programs
- Employment and Day Training Programs

### Training/Coaching

- Parent Education and Support
- Options for Community Services
- Self Advocacy

## Who Do We Serve?

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UCP Seguin currently serves several hundred students and their families primarily in suburban Cook and DuPage Counties through Building Bridges to the Future.

### Districts and Schools partnering with UCP Seguin include but are not limited to:

- J Sterling Morton High School District
- Proviso Area for Exceptional Children
- Oak Park-River Forest High School
- Lake Park High School
- Hinsdale Township High School District
- SW Cook County Cooperative Association
- AERO Special Education Cooperative

