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Mark Your Calendars!

The Forum of Excellence will be held on September 19 & 20, 2017 at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington/Normal. For more information on the conference and to register visit our website at the following link: [Forum For Excellence Webpage](#)

We are seeking innovative, quality presentations. Do you have effective practices you'd like to share? **The Request for Presentations will close July 7, 2017.** Be sure to submit your presentations today! You can find the request for presentations at the following link: [Forum For Excellence Webpage](#)

The Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project



The Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support (ICSPS) is proud to be working, under the the direction of the Special Education Division on the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), to develop and expand a variety of resources focused on the needs of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other disabilities who are transitioning from secondary education to postsecondary education or the workforce.

The goals of this project is to create resources that can be used by students with ASD, their family members, secondary and postsecondary educators and staff, employers, and members of the community, to better understand the transition process, the unique barriers faced by individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and to assist them in working towards or providing equitable access in the workplace/postsecondary setting. Some of these resources and an online web portal will be available in the coming months. For more information contact Aimee Julian at alafoll@ilstu.edu

At A Glance:

- Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project
- Illinois WIOA Summit
- Forum for Excellence
- Perkins Legislation Passes the House
- Equitable recruitment

Illinois WIOA Summit



Civil Rights Fact of the Month:

Community Colleges have a responsibility to ensure that they provide equal opportunity for access to programs. An element of this requirement relates to marketing and recruitment efforts. Colleges should ensure that all potential students receive information about their CTE programs by making special efforts to reach persons in underrepresented groups in CTE programs and by providing equitable access to all recruitment material. Compliance standards require colleges to make recruitment material available in an accessible format for individuals with disabilities and to members of communities with limited English proficiency.

In October the The Core Partners outline in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act will be hosting the Illinois WIOA Summit 2017. The objectives of the summit will be to provide training on transitioning from WIOA planning to implementation by accelerating the development of industry and business-driven strategies and services; deepening collaboration among workforce development, education, economic development, and other partners; and fostering the development of integrated, multi-partner service delivery. Save the date to join Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), and the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) in October. For more information visit the following link: [Illinois WIOA Summit 2017 Webpage](#)

October 25 & 26, 2017
Wyndham Springfield City Centre
700 E Adams St,
Springfield, IL 62701

H.R.2353, including Perkins Reauthorization, Passes the House of Representatives

On June 22, The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bipartisan H.R.2353, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act. This bill reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act through the year 2023.

More information on the passage of H.R.2353 can be found at the Advance CTE website here: [Advance CTE: Perkins Reauthorization](#)

Bill progress can be tracked at the following link: [Congress.gov H.R.2353](#)