

Building Bridges to the Future

What is Building Bridges?

Building Bridges is an innovative program funded by the Coleman Foundation. Building Bridges assists families and professionals in transitioning students with developmental disabilities to the world of adult services.



Three non-profit agencies have come together, combining their expertise in serving adults with developmental disabilities to form this unique partnership. Using a collaborative approach between Seguin Services, Park Lawn Association and Clearbrook, this program has been formed to serve the needs of families and professionals.

The Building Bridges staff understands how challenging it can be to exit the school system and learn to navigate the system of adult services.

What Type of Assistance is Offered?

Assistance with linkages to:

Entry into Developmental Disabilities system

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

Financial/Medical Benefits

- SSI
- Medicaid

Legal Resources

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

Program Funding

- Home and Community

Based Waiver Programs

- Residential Programs
- Day Programs
- DORS Programs

Training/Coaching

- Parent education and support
- Options for Community Services
- Self Advocacy

Who is served by Building Bridges?

Students aged 14 through 21 with a developmental disability and their families.

Clearbrook (Northwest suburban residents)

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- **How do I get started?** If you reside in the Northwest suburban area of Chicago, please contact Clearbrook's Gina Genovesi at 847-385-5354 or ggenovesi@clearbrook.org to begin the process.