

The Gateway Academy Presents

# 2017 TRANSITION SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

8:15 A.M. TO 3:15 P.M.



Event website: <http://tinyurl.com/gnlszxh>



## TOPICS

### **Self-Determination: A Bridge to a Brighter Future**

Michael L. Wehmeyer, PhD  
Karrie A. Shogren, PhD

### **The ABCs of Legal Issues Related to Transitioning to Adulthood for Individuals with Learning Differences**

Honorable Clarinda Comstock, Associate Judge, Harris County Probate Court Four  
Michele K. Goldberg, Attorney & Counselor at Law

### **Social Pathways for Resilience and Long-term Outcomes**

Julie Jones, Ph.D., LMFT-S, LPC-S and Panel of Young Adults

### **The Art of Finding, Landing and Keeping a Job**

**Employers Who "Get It": Connecting Students with Disabilities to the Workplace**  
Jennifer Phillips, MS, CRC

## About Us

Gateway Academy serves students with social and academic challenges through innovative approaches to learning, physical fitness, and social awareness. Our graduates encounter a changing world with self-advocacy, opening a path to personal significance in college, career, and community.

## About the Symposium

As part of our commitment to our students and to our community, Gateway Academy hosts an annual transition event. Our 2017 event will be an all-day Transition Symposium. This educational event is for educators, professionals, parents and students interested in facilitating the mindset and skills necessary for a successful transition to young adulthood.

## Who Should Attend

Students with **AD/HD, autism and learning differences** are often considered "too high functioning" for state funded resources, yet they still require support in order to become productive adults. Gateway Academy's Transition Symposium will feature speakers with expertise in areas impacting transition to adulthood. Those who attend the Symposium will learn actionable steps to support growth of pivotal skills and competencies inherent in this growing population. This symposium is relevant to those for whom college, adult independent living and/or vocational careers are attainable with the proper structure and support.



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