#### Acronyms you may need to know:

SSAH - Special Services at Home

SIS - Support Intensity Scale

SIN - Social Insurance Number

OSSD – Ontario Secondary School Diploma

OSSLT - Ontario Secondary School Test

OSSLC - Ontario Secondary School Course

**ODSP** – Ontario Disability Support Payment

RDSP – Registered Disability Savings Plan

#### Notes:

(Things I should do next or soon. Questions I should ask.)

# The Thresholds Committee consists of representatives from the following:

Grade

Brockville and District Association for Community
Involvement (613-345-4092)

Career Services of Brockville (613-342-5775)

Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (613-283-5007 #205)

Community Living North Grenville

(613-258-7177)

Developmental Services of Leeds and Grenville

(613-345-1290)

Gananoque and District Association for Community Living

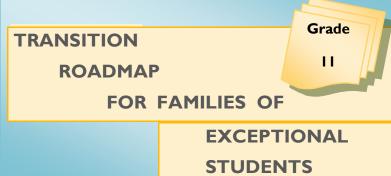
(613-382-7702)

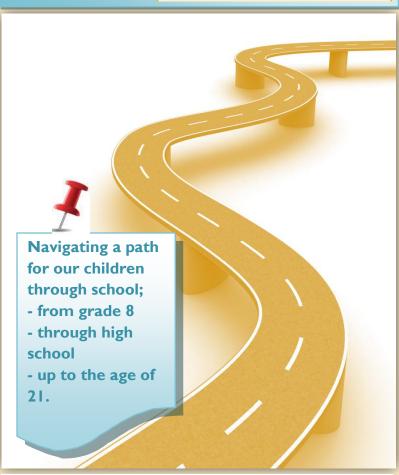
Upper Canada District School Board

(613-342-0371)

### Watch for the rest of this set:









Thresholds is a Leeds and Grenville program that provides assistance to schools, students and their families before, during and after the transition from the school system to adult life in the community. Five agencies and both school boards have representatives who meet regularly as the Thresholds Committee.

#### **Important Websites**

Service Ontario:

www.ontario.ca/en/services\_for\_residents/index.htm

**Developmental Services Ontario:** 

www.dsontario.ca/

Ministry of Community and Social Services:

www.mcss.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/

**Ontario Skills Passport** 

http://skills.edu.gov.on.ca/OSPWeb/jsp/en/introduction.jsp

Career Services Brockville

www.careerservices.ca

Community Living Ontario www.communitylivingontario.ca

March of Dimes

www.marchofdimes.ca

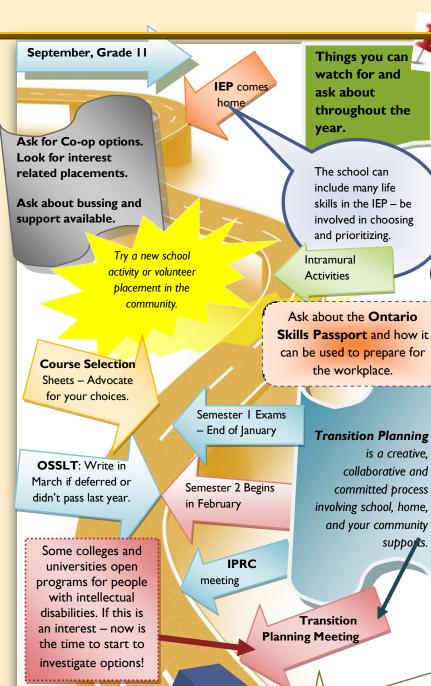
Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario www.ldao.ca

Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario www.cdsbeo.on.ca

**Upper Canada District School Board** 

www.ucdsb.on.ca

**Have High Expectations** for your child!



June,

Grade

End of year exams

and Summative

assignments.

**DID YOU KNOW?** 

Your child will need to get to work, social events and leisure activities. You may need to practice to:

- take the local bus
- call for a taxi
- ride a bicycle
- walk

Maximize what can be done independently.

Work with the school to prepare your child for as much independence beyond school life as possible. Have high expectations!

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

If your child is working towards an OSSD, then they must take the OSSLT at least once.

They can be deferred for a year or two before they take it.

If they take it and don't pass, they either take it again the next year, or can register for the OSSLC.

To graduate with an **OSSD**, they must pass either the test or the course.

Students not working towards an OSSD are exempt from both.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Most kids with special needs can learn the life skills they need for independent living, but many require much more practice, repetition, and sequencing. Involving the school in these skills at an early stage will help your child be prepared when they leave school between ages 18 and 21.

Have plans to pursue

work and leisure

activities in the

summer.

Have high expectations for this!

# DID YOU KNOW?

Your child will need to prepare a résumé, apply for a SIN #, and may be interested in getting a driver's licence. The school or your agency can support you with this.

> Keep the résumé updated based on co-op and summer placement experiences.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

SSAH can continue until the age of 18. Passports funding is for 18 and up - but don't wait to get it started. Check your **ODSP** paperwork is updated. Start an **RDSP** if you haven't already.