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Back to School with CSS

As students go back to school, we are reminded that for those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD,) the inability to return to high school can pose one of life's biggest challenges such as.... *"What Do I Do Now?"*

Individuals with I/DD (such as Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and other diagnoses) can remain in high school until the age of 21. After that, they are considered "aged out" and must then find learning and the feeling of connectedness in other ways. CSS Academy Programs, offered by CSS, provide a unique solution for individuals who wish to maintain an active and involved lifestyle—a chance for continued learning, while also making and developing friendships.



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CSS News



95% of families are satisfied!

For a summary of our family satisfaction survey results [click here](#). For the complete results please email kmasters@CSSservices.org



Calling all artists for November Art Show!

If you, or someone you

Classes and workshops are offered in the areas of life skills, the arts and technology. These programs are the newest learning initiative of CSS, already one of the largest nonprofit Respite providers in the state of Illinois. Students can choose from a robust catalog of classes from locations in Brookfield, Cicero and Oak Park. Classes are designed for people with I/DD, their families and caregivers; as well as those in the community who just want to learn something new. This inclusive approach fosters learning and education for all.

Favorite classes include Zumba, Art, Cooking, Money Management, Technology, Music and more. There are classes, for people of all abilities, providing a fun and progressive community learning environment. Everyone who wants to learn a new skill or become more involved in their community is welcome.

New classes begin this month. For a CSS Academy Brochure or Course Catalog, visit:

<https://www.cssservices.org/css-academy>

know, is interested in exhibiting unique arts at our 2nd annual Novelties in November Art Show on November 5, contact Necole Mills at nmills@CSSservices.org or 708-354-4547 x267.

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CSS is a private nonprofit agency that initiates, provides and promotes services for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families, within their communities, in order to strengthen their independence, self-esteem and ability to participate in and contribute to community life.

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Each year, more than 383,381 hours of service are provided by our dedicated staff. We serve 791 individuals and their families throughout 57 communities in Chicago's western suburbs.