



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES**

# **PRESS RELEASE**



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## **DDS HOSTS NEXT STEPS FAIR FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL YOUTH**

**Washington, DC**— The D.C. Department on Disability Services and the DC Special Education Cooperative are hosting **Next Steps Fair**, a post-secondary career and job training event for public high charter school juniors and seniors. The event takes place, Thursday, November 2, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at 250 E Street, SW.

Next Steps targets students with disabilities and is designed to help prepare them for a successful transition from high school to employment and independent living. The morning portion of Next Steps will be filled with presentations by Wells Fargo, the DC-Center for Independent Living, and professionals from various career fields who will share their career path with participants and assist students in identifying their professional interests and career goals. In the afternoon, students will learn about education and training opportunities available in the District that can get them ready for their next phase in life.

**WHAT:** NEXT STEPS FAIR, Career and Vocational Training Event  
**WHO:** Charter School Students with Disabilities  
**WHERE:** Department on Disability Services  
250 E Street, SW  
**WHEN:** Thursday, November 2  
9:30 am – 2:30 pm

The DC Special Education Cooperative is a service provider for the Youth Transition Program of the Department on Disability Services. For more information about NEXT STEPS, contact Christian Jones, DDS Employment Coordinator at 202-664-4056, or Rebecca Foster, Director of Secondary Transition for the DC Special Education Cooperative at 240-801-5353.

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