

Eighth Annual

Tools for Life 2012

Secondary Transition & Technology Fair



March 5-6, 2012

**Wallace High School
1 Miners Alley
Wallace, Idaho**

Sponsored by:

The Idaho State Department of Education, the Idaho Assistive Technology Project,
the Center on Disabilities and Human Development, the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities,
and the Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition



Conference Overview

The Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition invites you to attend the eighth annual *Tools for Life: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair* on March 5-6, 2012 at the Wallace High School in Wallace, ID.

Tools for Life is for anyone who has an interest in supporting individuals with disabilities as they transition from school to life. This includes secondary educators, post-secondary educators, special educators, therapists, counselors, service providers, job developers, other rehabilitation specialists, and **especially high school students with disabilities** and their families. Throughout the two-day event, there will be presentations by regional and national experts on issues surrounding secondary transition and assistive technology.

An Exhibitor Hall will be open both days to allow agencies and vendors the opportunity to promote their organizations, share resources, and showcase their newest products.

Space is limited! Every year the conference fills up and we have to turn people away! Register early in order to guarantee your spot at this event.

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Fair Presentations

The conference will feature a combination of keynote speakers and breakout sessions. Presentations will focus on supporting students who are transitioning to life beyond high school. Participants are invited to attend the breakout sessions of their choice.

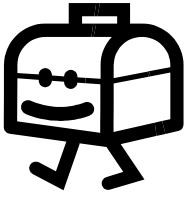
Breakout sessions will include presentations on:

- Assistive Technology
- Employment
- Community Living
- Transition from Child to Adult Medicaid Services
- Self-Directed IEP
- Self-Advocacy
- Higher Education
- Financial Literacy
- Social Security
- And Much More!

Watch for the Presentation Schedule to be available on the IATP website at www.idahoat.org.

Visit the Exhibitors

Visit with assistive technology vendors and numerous Idaho agencies & organizations. Find out what resources are available to help meet the needs of transitioning students. The Exhibitors will be available from 8:00am - 4:00pm each day.



Lunch Provided Both Days (covered by registration fee)

Special guest speakers each day:

Monday, March 5th – Panel of student self-advocates

Tuesday, March 6th – Michael Beers

Registration - Is Available Online

Registration is \$75.00 per person. This fee covers conference admission and lunch on both days. **An early-bird rate of \$50 will be given to all attendees who register and pay by January 15, 2012.** Stipends are available for students who wish to attend. To register, **visit the Idaho Assistive Technology website at www.idahoat.org.** Please contact our office at 1-800-432-8324 if you have any questions or are unable to register online.



Stipends Available for Students

Stipends are available for transitioning high-school students who wish to attend the fair. The stipend will cover the student's registration fee and lodging expenses (if needed). To request a stipend, please check (✓) the student stipend box on the registration form in the Student Information section. For stipend questions, contact Irene Lunsford at irenel@uidaho.edu or 1-800-432-8324.

Free Evening Session for Parents

Monday evening parent sessions will be available this year for parents of transitioning high-school students who wish to attend.

Credit Available

University of Idaho academic credit (1.0) will be offered, **requiring attendance on BOTH days.** CEU's will also be available. Credit fees may be paid on-site and are separate from the registration fee.

Lodging

If you are an out-of-town guest, you can make lodging reservations at several Wallace and Kellogg hotels:

Wallace Inn (Wallace) – 1-800-643-2386 (This hotel has been reserved for students receiving stipends and their support. The IATP will be making hotel reservations for the Wallace Inn.)

Stardust Motel (Wallace) – 1-866-539-0036

Brooks Hotel (Wallace) - 1-800-752-0469

Guesthouse Inn (Kellogg) – 1-800-214-8378

Morning Star Lodge at Silver Mountain (Kellogg) - 208-783-0202

Wheelchair accessible rooms are limited. Please contact the IATP if you need a wheelchair accessible room.

Monday Night Social for Young Adults!

All young adults are invited to attend a pizza party and dance social on Monday night at 5:30 pm. The evening will include live music, dancing, and more!



Tools 2012 Guest Speakers

Roberto Rivera - Monday Keynote

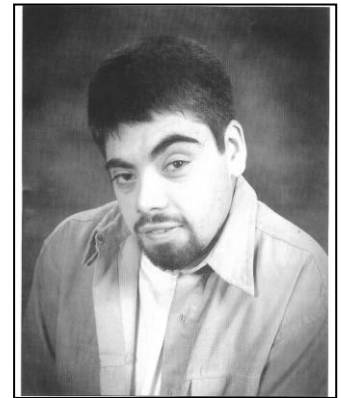


Roberto Rivera, BA is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Madison where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in a major he created entitled: "Social Change, Youth Culture and the Arts". Roberto credits the transformation from being a disengaged student, teen-age runaway, and drug dealer to being an honors graduate and successful businessman as a result of having key relationships and discovering his genius through his experience with "real" Hip-hop. The Fulfill the Dream Program, the core curriculum of The Good Life Organization, is based on his experience in addition to his research and relationships fostered with top educators across the country. The Fulfill the Dream Program is both scientifically tested and culturally relevant and is proven to activate even the most disengaged of students. Despite the fact that Roberto has won many awards for his work from leaders like former President Bill Clinton, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, and others, his greatest joy is working with educators in activating genius and inspiring hope in students that are labeled disadvantaged. Roberto is also an award winning

filmmaker, actor, playwright, poet, and gifted speaker.

Michael Beers - Tuesday Keynote

Michael Beers is a comedian who happens to have a disability, Vaters Syndrome. He has been doing stand-up comedy for the past several years, winning the 2003 Brickwall Comedy Competition in Spokane, WA, and the 2005 Norman G. Brooks Comedy competition at the Hollywood Improv. Michael is an advocate for others with disabilities. He serves as a delegate and staff for the Montana Youth Leadership Forum and was appointed to the *President's Taskforce on Employment of Adults with Disabilities Youth Advisory Council*. He was the President of *Alliance for Disability and Students of the University of Montana (ADSUM)*, a student disability rights group, and is currently on the Governing Board for the National Youth Leadership Network (NYLN). Michael works part-time as a Peer Advocate for Summit Independent Living Center in Missoula, Montana.



Logan Olson – Tuesday Lunch Guest Speaker



In 2001, at age sixteen, Logan Olson sustained a traumatic brain injury. After a long hospital stay and journey through rehabilitation, the teenager arrived home to face the day-to-day process of recovery. Logan and her mother, Laurie, quickly began a quest for knowledge seeking out tips, advice, and assistive technology to support Logan with daily life. The information was very difficult to find. While wading through a multitude of grim details and overwhelming obstacles, Logan decided to create a magazine for fun. *Logan Magazine* began in 2004 as a joint venture between Logan and Laurie. With much help and a lot of hard work, Logan's dream came true. The premier issue of *Logan Magazine* launched in November 2006.

A Bit about Wallace, ID

The town of Wallace is a historic mining town located in the *Silver Valley* of Northern Idaho. It is known as the Silver Capital of the World. Located in the Bitterroot Mountains and surrounded by National Forests and State Land makes Wallace a great recreational area to visit and live. Wallace was founded in 1884 and has survived two huge fires, one in 1890 and another in 1910. Every downtown building and many homes in the area are listed on the *National Register of Historical Places*. In 1991, when it was time for the Interstate 90 Highway System to be completed, the highway was constructed above the town instead of through it because of this historic importance.



See you at the
Fair!



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