

Sixth Annual

Tools for Life 2010

Secondary Transition & Technology Fair



March 1-2, 2010

**Doubletree Riverside Hotel
2900 Chinden Blvd.
Boise, 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 sixth annual ***Tools for Life: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair*** on March 1-2, 2010 at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel in Boise, 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.

Registration is now closed for the March 2010 Fair!

The Tools for Life Fair is sponsored in part by the Idaho State Department of Education, the Idaho Assistive Technology Project at the Center on Disabilities and Human Development, and the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition.

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 from:

- Assistive Technology Vendors and Professionals
- Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Idaho Institutions of Higher Education (Recruitment and Student Support Services)
- Idaho State Agencies
- And Many More!!

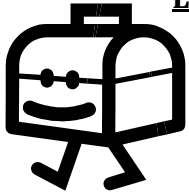
This year we will again be offering a **Youth Personal Finance** session featuring real life situations and practical, hands-on activities for students. It was a huge hit at our conference last year! Watch for more details about signing up for this session.

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

Visit the Exhibit Hall

Come to the Exhibit Hall to 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 Exhibit Hall will be open from 9:00am - 4:00pm each day.

Monday Night Parent Sessions: Attend sessions for parents on how to help student(s) transition out of high school. Look for information about these sessions in the Conference at a Glance.



Lunch Provided Both Days (covered by registration fee)

Special guest speakers each day:

Monday, March 1st – Panel of student self-advocates facilitated by Sarah Vasquez

Tuesday, March 2nd – Guest Speaker Logan Olson

Registration and Stipend Information

Registration is now closed for this event. If you need to confirm a registration sent in previously or have questions about student stipends please contact Irene Lunsford at irenel@uidaho.edu or 1-800-432-8324.



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 the **Doubletree Riverside Hotel** by calling (208) 343-1871. You must mention the "Tools for Life Fair" when making your reservations in order to receive the conference rate. If your student is receiving a stipend, please contact the IATP for your hotel reservations.



Monday Night Social for Young Adults!

All young adults are invited to attend a pizza party and dance social on Monday night at 6:00 pm. The evening will include live music, dancing, karaoke, and more!

Tools 2010 Keynote Speakers

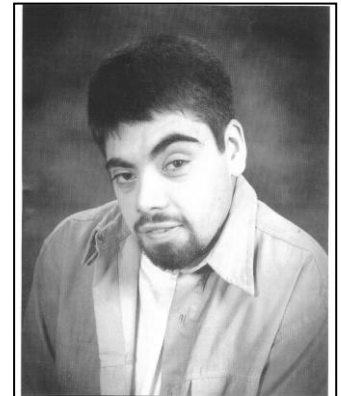
Sarah Vazquez



Sarah Helena Vazquez was born and raised in Newark, NJ. She was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at the age of four. Sarah's mother raised her mindful of two major facts: that rice and beans could not be missing from the dinner table due to her Puerto Rican culture, and that she could do anything she put her mind to. Proud to have been educated within the Newark Public School system, Sarah is a graduate of Rutgers University. She earned her BA degree in Psychology and English. Currently, she is a Support Coordinator for Neighbors, Inc. Sarah is also editing her first autobiography. She has been the keynote speaker and Master of Ceremony at several events including the Dare to Dream Youth Leadership Conferences, John F. Kennedy's graduation, Shabazz's High School graduation, the Latino with Disabilities Employment Conference, Secondary Transition State Planning National Institute, New Jersey City University, New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education Annual Conference, SPAN's Regional Conference, and NJ State conference on Recreation. Sarah sits on the Boggs Center Advisory Board as well as the National Youth Leadership Consortium. In addition, Sarah has been a freelance writer for the World Institute on Disabilities of Oakland, CA. Sarah bases her achievements on two major factors - having dreams and following her dreams on a full stomach.

Michael Beers

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



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.