



Post-Secondary Opportunities

Below are several links to post-secondary opportunities and information for those young adults with intellectual disabilities thinking about going on to college.

Alberta Community Living

<http://www.aacl.org/InclusiveEducation/PostSecondaryEducation/tabid/94/Default.aspx>

For more than 20 years AACL has played an instrumental role in the development of inclusive post-secondary educational opportunities. AACL has established and supported the only provincial network of inclusive post-secondary initiatives, the Post-Secondary Education Network.

University of PEI - Adult Connections in Education Program (ACE)

<http://www.upei.ca/webstercentre/ace/>

UPEI Adult Connections in Education is an inclusive post-secondary program committed to enriching the lives of students with intellectual disabilities through academic enhancement and personal growth. It combines classes, study, extra-curricular activities, volunteering, and time with friends

STEPS Forward

<http://www.steps-forward.org/>

STEPS Forward promotes Inclusive Post-Secondary Education for students with intellectual disabilities in British Columbia. Students follow a course of study for 4-5 years and participate fully in typical campus life with attendant rights and responsibilities – including attending classes, participating in clubs, and studying.

STEPS Forward has also compiled an extensive list of resources on inclusion in post-secondary education. To learn more, visit: <http://www.steps-forward.org/readings-videos-and-research.html> and <http://www.steps-forward.org/library.html>

Aine, who speaks about Friendship in the Young Adults section, is a Steps Forward graduate. To hear her speak, visit: <http://www.ibelong.ca/resources/aine-on-what-is-a-good-friend>



Community Integration through Co-operative Education (CICE)

<http://healthsciences.humberc.on.ca/cice/index.html>

The Community Integration through Co-operative Education (CICE) Program in the School of Health Sciences, Humber College, is designed to give students with developmental disabilities the opportunity to participate in college-adapted programs and activities, with an emphasis on giving students the college experience.

Some other Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology also offer post-secondary programs. Kim, who appears in the video “Kim’s Experience - A Place of Belonging” attended George Brown College in Toronto. To hear Kim speak, visit:

<http://www.ibelong.ca/resources/kims-experience-a-place-of-belonging>

Think College

<http://www.thinkcollege.net/index.php>

Think College is an initiative of the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) at the University of Massachusetts Boston. ICI currently has three federal grants designed to conduct research, training, and technical assistance for professionals, families, and students related to postsecondary education for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Going to College

<http://www.going-to-college.org/>

This American web site contains information about living college life with a disability. It’s designed for high school students and provides video clips, activities and additional resources that can help you get a head start in planning for college.

BC Teachers’ Foundation

<http://bctf.ca/IssuesInEducation.aspx?id=11540>

This website offers a list of all colleges and universities in BC that offer post-secondary education programs to young adults with disabilities.

H’art School of Smiles

<http://www.kingston.org/hartstudio/>

The H’art School of Smiles, in Kingston, Ontario, includes the H'art Studio, our core program, which provides literacy, computer literacy and life skills lessons for adults with intellectual disabilities and incorporates the fine arts for inspiration and motivation. It also includes H'art Prep, which helps adults with intellectual disabilities set education



goals and build the skills and confidence necessary to pursue meaningful volunteer opportunities, continuing education and emerging post-secondary education experiences.

National Educational Association of Disabled Students

<http://www.neads.ca/>

This site contains a lot of interesting information regarding students with physical and intellectual disabilities and post-secondary training. Check out CampusNet, an on-line collaborative community for campus-based, disability groups; a bulletin board for students to share their stories about going to school; publications on improving accessibility; and links to universities and colleges across the country.

Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities

http://www.accd.net/publications/Projects_and_Research/2002_Resource_Guide.html

This resource guide provides a list of Alberta post-secondary institutions, with information on disability policy and campus accessibility, as well as other helpful information for those considering post-secondary education.

**If you know of any other good resources or programs providing post-secondary opportunities to young adults with intellectual disabilities, please share them in our Community Forum.*

