# Skills and Education Youth and Family Services

Paraquad works with youth with disabilities to increase independence and learn self-advocacy skills. The Youth and Family staff assists youth and their families in exploring goals, plans for adulthood, and independence in a supportive peer environment.

# **Special Education Advocacy:**

Assists parents and older youth in learning about and advocating for their educational rights. Assistance ranges from providing consultation on the IEP process, to attending meetings alongside the family to advocate for the best services.

# **Youth Group:**

Focuses on social and recreational activities that promote the development of skills needed for increased independence and self-advocacy in a peer-to-peer setting.

## **Youth Transition:**

Youth can explore their options for education, employment, living arrangements, and plan their own path to adulthood with encouragement from family and community.

### **Youth Summer Services:**

Offers a variety of hands-on experiences focused on developing independent living and pre-employment skills. Activities can range from a single workshop to a month-long, Monday through Friday camp experience. Programs and activities vary from year to year.



For more information, call **(314) 289-4200** Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm or email **contactus@paraquad.org** 



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