

# Learning Together: Education and Public Policy

## A Conversation with Madeleine Will



Madeleine Will, former Assistant Secretary of Education, plans to share highlights and lessons learned from her nearly 40 years of involvement in the evolution of publicly funded services for children and adults with disabilities. She will reflect on the importance of inclusive practices, and the growing national focus on community integrated living and employment for individuals with long-term care needs.

In 1983, Madeleine Will was appointed by President Reagan to serve as Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitation. During that time, she was instrumental in developing the concept of transition planning in special education and in getting supported employment included in public policy. Ms. Will continues to be an influential force in shaping educational and public policy to improve the lives of people with disabilities, most recently in contributing to the creation of the ABLE and WIOA Acts. Additionally, Ms. Will founded and continues to serve as the Board President for the CPSD, an advocacy network of 10 national disability organizations. Ms. Will is the parent of an adult son with Down Syndrome.

## **NSSD AND THE ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND STAFF OFFER TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONVERSATION**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Gorton Community Center, 400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest

**Co-Sponsored by the Lake Forest/ Lake Bluff LDA**

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7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

New Trier Township High School Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Road, Northfield

**Register online at [www.nssed.org/events](http://www.nssed.org/events)**

Please submit your questions in advance. Your questions will guide the discussion, and you will find space to submit them or an area of interest when registering.