

Transition from School to Post-School Activities

Parental Checklist

Beginning at age 14, detailed planning for your child's future after high school begins. While there are a number of people to assist with this planning process, YOUR involvement as a parent or guardian is key to a smooth transition for your son or daughter. This form may be useful to ensure that you are prepared for each step.

Prior to child age 16

- Request that the school psychologist complete a full ETR at the next three year evaluation (not a records review). Be sure the ETR includes updated cognitive scores, and adaptive behavior scores.
- Gather various documents, including:
 - Child's birth certificate
 - Child's social security card
 - Medical documentation of child's disability (if not included in ETR.)

For information about **state IDs**:
http://bmv.ohio.gov/state_id_card.stm OR
440.461.2847 (Mayfield Branch)

For information regarding Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities **Intake process**: www.cuyahogabdd.org OR
216.736.2673

For information related to **IEP Planning**:
<http://www.edresourcesohio.org/transition>

*** Remember, 2 years prior to graduation, the County Board Transition Referral form should be completed by school staff ***

For information about replacing **social security card**: www.ssa.gov/ssnumber OR
800.772.1213

For information about replacing **birth certificate**: www.clevelandhealth.org/Health
OR 216.664.2324

Child Age 16

- Obtain state ID for child from Department of Motor Vehicle's Deputy Registrar Office.
- Sign release of information enabling school to contact the County Board of Developmental Disabilities on behalf of your child.
- Be sure that the school has referred your child to the County Board of Developmental Disabilities Intake department to determine eligibility.
- If / when Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI) is scheduled to be administered, invite school staff and others that may provide valuable input.
- Share your post-school goals with IEP team and assist in developing transition goals related to education, training and independent living.
- Attend Cuyahoga County Transition Expo

Child Age 17

- Confirm child's eligibility for adult services from Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Intake Office
- Contact a lawyer to discuss the benefits and pitfalls of guardianship and / or power of attorney as it relates to your child and family.
- Contact a financial planner to discuss future planning related to assets, special needs trusts, etc.
- If appropriate, apply for an RTA Discounted Fare Pass, Travel Training or Paratransit
- Review child's transition plan on the IEP and current programming - revise as needed with team.
- Connect with other parents through the County Educational Service Center Parent Mentor Programs, CEVEC's Parent Group, or similar groups in your home district.
- Attend Cuyahoga County Transition Expo

For information about **Guardianship** contact *Probate Court of Cuyahoga County*, probate.cuyahogacounty.us
OR 216.443.8764

Additional **Guardianship** information available from *Ohio Legal Rights Services*, www.olrs.ohio.gov
OR 1-800-282-9181

For information related to public transportation, contact RTA :
www.riderta.com OR 216.566.5100

For information about **parent groups**, **transition planning** or resources, or the **Transition Expo**, contact the Educational Service Center: esc-cc.org
OR 216.446.3810

For questions about **SSI**:
www.ssa.gov/disability OR 800.772.1213

For questions about **Medicaid**:
ifs.ohio.gov/ohp OR 800.324.8680

For info related to **BVR**: www.rsc.ohio.gov
OR 800.282.4536

For info related to the **ADAMHS Board**:
www.adamhsc.org OR 216.241.3400

Child Age 18

- Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Apply for Medicaid
- Determine if other adult service agencies may be appropriate:
 - Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR), housed under the Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC)
 - Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board (ADAMHS)

For more information on any topic, contact the Cuyahoga County
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