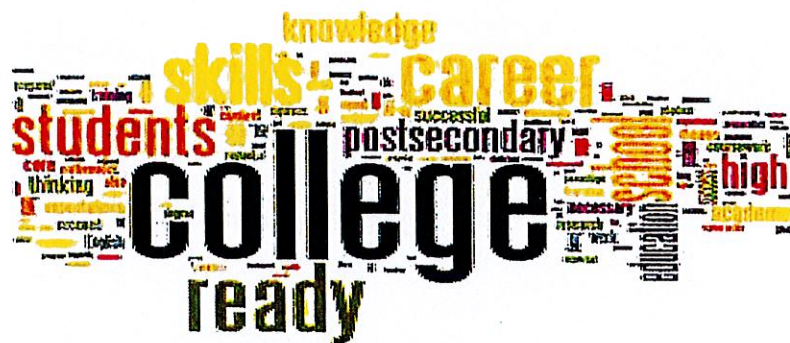


Transition Planning Handbook



Resource for Parents of Children with
Disabilities

**We are the North Central Indiana
Special Education Cooperative**

- Bremen Public Schools
- Rochester Community Schools
- Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation
- Warsaw Community Schools
- Wawasee Community Schools
- Whitko School Corporation

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Introduction

North Central Indiana Special Education Cooperative

Between the ages of 18-21 years, young adults with disabilities and their families must exchange the security of the school environment for a complex system of adult service programs. The federal, state, and local agencies that support adults with disabilities have very different sets of rules and requirements, and unlike schools, are not mandated to serve all citizens. It is important to remember while all students are entitled to a free appropriate education, access to adult services is based on eligibility and availability of funds.

This booklet serves as a guide to assist in identifying the various options that are available to students with disabilities after high school. It also serves as a tool to develop the students' Transition Individual Education Program.

Definitions

Age of Majority

When a student becomes eighteen (18) years of age, all rights that were formerly provided to the student's parents under the special education rule shall transfer to the student unless the student

BODS

Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services. The bureau assists eligible individuals to receive the community and residential support needed for success in their community.

Guardianship

An individual or institution appointed by the court to handle the affairs of an incapacitated person.

IEP

Individualized Education Program. Developed each year in the Annual Case Review (ACR) with parents, teachers, and student. This plan outlines the student's goals and objectives for one year.

Transition TEP

This plan is the IEP for students beginning at age of 14. This plan is developed annually and tracks students' post-secondary plans.

Medicaid

Provides coverage for persons of limited income and resources that require ongoing medical needs.

Medicaid Waiver

Waivers are vehicles states can use to test new or existing ways to deliver and pay for health care services in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

VR

Vocational Rehabilitation. Works with eligible individuals whose disabilities substantially interfere with their ability to obtain and/or maintain work.

Timelines

Age 14

- Attend IEP meeting. Transition planning begins!
- Inquirer about graduation requirements.
- Decide if student is diploma or certificate track.
- Start career exploration.
- Apply for Medicaid waiver if not done so already.
- Apply for SSI/SSDI and Medicaid.
- Obtain Indian State ID card at local Bureau of Motor Vehicle.

Age 15

- Attend IEP meeting.
- Choose high school schedule.
- Explore careers, colleges, and vocational training programs.
- Explore diploma types
- Maintain and medical and school psychological testing.
- Apply for Medicaid waiver if not done so already.

Age 16

- Attend IEP meeting
- Find and hold part-time paid or volunteer job in the community.
- Investigate guardianship or power of attorney.
- Obtain driver's license if appropriate.
- Monitor high school credits and graduation requirements.
- Apply for accommodations for college entrance exams.
- Apply for Medicaid waiver if not done so already.
- Investigate financial trust options.

Age 17/Junior Year

- Attend IEP meeting.
- Enroll in vocational classes.
- Establish graduation date.
- Discuss age of majority and transfer of rights to student at age 18.
- Investigate guardianship or power of attorney.
- Meet with Vocational Rehabilitation representative.
- Investigate post-secondary living arrangements.
- Visit colleges and make contact with Office of Student Disabilities.
- Take college entrance exams.
- Maintain and medical and school psychological testing.
- Apply for Medicaid waiver if not done so already.
- Investigate financial trust options.

Age 18/Senior Year

- Attend IEP meeting.
- Apply to colleges and scholarships.
- Register to vote. Males register for Selective Service.
- Transfer of rights to students.
- Establish guardianship or power of attorney.
- Review health insurance coverage.
- Apply for SSI/SSDI and Medicaid
- Maintain and medical and school psychological testing.
- Investigate financial trust options.
- Meet with Vocational Rehabilitation.

Age 19-22

- Monitor vocational education
- Make contact with post-secondary personnel
- Continue close contact with Adult Service Providers
- Ensure all necessary support services are ready to be provided immediately after graduation.
- Investigate financial trusts options.
- Maintain and medical and school psychological testing.
- Apply for SSI/SSDI and Medicaid.
- Obtain Indian State ID card at local Bureau of Motor Vehicle.
- Make contact with Vocational Rehabilitation.

Prior to graduation/secondary education

- Obtain any special testing records.
- Make contact with Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Consult with high school guidance counselor and teacher of record to get a thorough understanding how much support is necessary for success.
- Investigate post-secondary living arrangements.
- Contact BODS.

Adult Service Providers

Division of Family Resources

Fulton County
1519 Main St.
Rochester, IN 46975
1-800-403-0864
www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/3171.htm

Kosciusko County
2307 Center St. Suite E
Warsaw, IN 46580
1-800-403-0864
www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/3146.htm

Marshall County
510 W. Adams St. Suite 210
Plymouth, IN 46563
1-800-403-0864
www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/3146.htm

Whitley County
543 N. Line St. Suite B
Columbia City IN 46725
1-800-403-0864
www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/3104.htm

Social Security Administration

Tippecanoe Valley, Warsaw, Wawasee
231 Waterfall Drive
Elkhart, IN 46516
877-426-0532
www.ssa.gov

Whitko
2122 Lincolnway Ct.
Fort Wayne, IN 46807
877-223-6061
www.ssa.gov

Bremen and Rochester
Ground Floor
602 S. Michigan St.
South Bend, IN 46601
877-274-5415
www.ssa.gov

Vocational Rehabilitation

Fulton County
217 E. Southway Blvd. Suite 100
Kokomo, IN 46901-4670
877-715-5294
www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/vr

Kosciusko and Elkhart Counties
1659 Mishawaka St. Suite A
Elkhart, IN 46517-1812
877-847-9897
www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/vr

Marshall County
100 W. South St. Suite 100
South Bend, IN 46601-00S8
877-282-0964
www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/vr

Whitley County
201 E. Rudisill Blvd. Suite 300
Fort Wayne, IN 46802-1S95
877-71S-S292
www.in.gov/fssa/servicedisabl/vr

Department of Workforce Development

Fulton, Marshall, and Kosciusko Counties

WorkOne Elkhart

430 Waterfall Drive

Elkhart, IN 46516-3696

574-295-0105

Fulton County WorkOne

927 Main Street

Rochester, IN 46975

574-223-8542

Marshall County WorkOne

Pine Creek Plaza

2876 Miller Drive

Plymouth, IN 46563

574-936-8919

Warsaw WorkOne

715 S. Buffalo Street

Warsaw, IN 46580

574-269-3050

Whitley County

WorkOne Express

Town & Country Center

480 W. Plaza Dr.

Columbia City, IN 46725

260-248-8611

Bureau of Developmental Disabilities

Fulton, Kosciusko, and Marshall Counties
100 W. South St.
South Bend, IN 46601-2435
1-877-218-3059
www.in.gov/serviedisabl/field

Whitley County
201 E. Rudisill Blvd. Suite 300
Fort Wayne, IN 46806-1756
1-877-218-3061
www.in.gov/serviedisablj/field

Mental Health Services

Bowen Center Corporate Office
2621 East Jefferson Street
Warsaw, IN 46581 -0497
1-800-342-5653

Bowen Center
Columbia City Office
119 West Market Street
Columbia City, IN 46725
260-248-8176

Mental Health Services Continued

Bowen Center
Plymouth Office
990 Illinois Street
Plymouth, IN 46563
Phone: 574-936-9646 Fax: 574-935-4773

Bowen Center
Syracuse Office
901 Street Huntington Street
Syracuse, IN 46567
Phone: 574-457-4400

Warsaw Office
Bowen Center
850 N. Harrison St.
Warsaw, IN 46580

Behavior Health Care
1800 N Oak Dr.
Plymouth, IN 46563
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Mental Health Services Cont.

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10501 Corporate Drive
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46845
260-373-7092

Four County
401 E 8th St, Rochester, IN 46975
574-223-856

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IN*Source
1703 S. Ironwood Dr.
South Bend, IN 46613
574-234-7101
insource@insource.org

Indiana Protection & Advocacy Services
4701 Keystone Ave. Suite 222
Indianapolis, IN 46205
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