

# Transition Coordinators

## What do families need to know about working with Transition Coordinators?

The transition to life after high school can be stressful for students with special needs and their families. Thankfully, you can work with Transition Coordinators to help during the move from school to the adult world.



### PARENT TO PARENT TRANSITION ADVICE

- Connect with the Transition Coordinator
- Ask questions
- Be involved in the process
- Know your rights
- Take advantage of opportunities offered to you
- Try new things
- Be willing to explore a variety of options

### Frequently Asked Q & A

**Q:** When should a family member contact their student's Transition Coordinator?

**A:** Any time there is a question or change in long-term plans, please feel free to contact the school's Transition Coordinator.

**Q:** Are Transition Coordinators part of the IEP team in high school?

**A:** Yes! Transition Coordinators can assist with postsecondary planning in education and training, employment, and independent living.

### Overview

Transition planning is a process to help students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) decide what they want to do after high school. It also helps students and their families prepare for next steps, while teens are growing and maturing into independent young adults.

Transition Coordinators work closely with students and families to collaboratively plan, set goals, and bridge the gap between school and community. In Ohio, transition services in the IEP begin when a student turns 14 years old. Transition services are driven by student interest and family-centered goals.

### Need to Know

Transition Coordinators can offer extra support to help your student's growth and development into adulthood, including assistance with the following:

- Linkage with community services and providers
- Getting a driver's license or state ID
- Voter registration
- Job and career exploration
- Disability services for college
- Vocational training
- Career technical education support
- Employment
- Adult services
- Independent living or community participation

**If you have questions about transition services, contact your student's Transition Coordinator.**

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