Preparing For Adulthood

For additional information on any of these programs, please contact your Children’s Residential and Education Provider, Medicaid Services Coordinator (MSC) or contact your OPWDD Regional Office.

***Transition Planning***:

Download Transition Planning: From School to Adult Life at <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/4787>

***IEP Transition services:***

**Download** *AFC’s Guide to Transition Services: Helping Students with Disabilities Move from School to Adulthood* from <http://www.advocatesforchildren.org/sites/default/files/library/transition_guide.pdf?pt=1>

***Supplemental Security Income:***

**Call** 1-800-772-1213

**Go to** <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-child-ussi.htm>

**Download** *SSI Child Disability Starter Kit* from [https://](https://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_child_eng.htm)[www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability\_starter\_kits\_child\_eng.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_child_eng.htm)

**Visit** your local Social Security office (locate it here: [https://secure.ssa.gov/I CON/main.jsp](https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp))

***Social Security Disability Insurance:***

**Call** 1-800-772-1213

**Go to** [https://www.ssa.gov/planners/ disability/dqualify10.html#age22](https://www.ssa.gov/planners/disability/dqualify10.html)

**Download** *Benefits for Children with Disabilities* from [https://www.ssa.gov/ pubs/ EN-05-10026.pdf](https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf)

**Visit** your local Social Security office (locate it here: [https://secure.ssa.gov/I CON/main.jsp](https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp))

***Work incentive: Pass:***

**Ask** if your student is eligible during the next IEP meeting

**Call** 1-800-772-1213

**Go to** <https://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-plans-self-support.htm>

**Download** *Working While Disabled*—*A Guide to Plans for Achieving Self-Support* from <https://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-11017.pdf>

***Work incentive: Ticket to work:***

**Call** 1-866-968-7842

**Go to** <http://www.chooseworkttw.net/>

**Download** *Your Ticket to Work* from [https://www.ssa.gov/ pubs/EN-05-10061.pdf](https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10061.pdf)

***Employment and Community Inclusion:***

**Call** 1-866-946-9733

**Email** student.transition@opwdd.ny.gov

**For employment services, go to** [http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd\_services\_supports/employment\_for\_people\_with\_disabilities](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/employment_for_people_with_disabilities/)

**For community-based living supports, go to** [http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd\_services\_supports/supports\_for\_independent\_and\_family\_living](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/supports_for_independent_and_family_living/)

***Housing:***

**Call** 1-518-473-1973

**Email** housing.initiatives@opwdd.ny.gov

**Go to** [http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd \_services\_supports/residential\_opportunities](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/residential_opportunities)

**Download** OPWDD’s *Transition Planning: Housing, Employment, and Community Supports* from [http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/ 4859](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/4859)

***Enrollment/Front Door:***

**Call** 1-866-946-9733

**Download** *Front Door Welcome: Access to Services* from [http://](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/welcome-front-door/resource-booklet)[www.opwdd.ny.gov/ welcome-frontdoor/resource-booklet](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/%20welcome-frontdoor/resource-booklet)

**Register** for a Front Door information session at [https://opwdd.ny.gov/welcome-front-door/information\_session](https://opwdd.ny.gov/welcome-front-door/information_sessions)s

***Medicaid Service Coordination:***

**Download** the name and contact information of the person at your regional OPWDD office who can best answer your questions about Medicaid Service Coordination at <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/534>

***Self-Direction:***

**Talk** with your MSC

**Watch** *Choosing Self-Direction* at[http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/self direction](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/selfdirection)

**Download** OPWDD’s brochure on self-directed services from <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/self-direction/self-direction-brochure>

***Pre-Employment Services***

**Ask** if your student is eligible during the next IEP meeting

**Call** 1-800-222-JOBS (5627)

**Go to** [http://www.acces.nysed.gov /vr/transition-and-youth-services](http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/transition-and-youth-services)

**Download** *User-Friendly Guide to Transition Services for High School Students and Their Parents and Teachers* brochure from <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/common/acces/files/vr/guidetotransitionservices.pdf>

***Additional Resources:***

**Go to** OPWDD’s directory at<http://providerdirectory.opwdd.ny.gov/>

**Go to** CP of NYS’ directory athttp://www.cpofnys.org/affiliates/