

# Transition Planning for Families



The postsecondary transition planning process can feel overwhelming unless you know what agencies are available to support your child, where to get the help you need, and have a solid transition plan in place with your child's school. It is important to begin to think and plan for life after high school as early as possible.

## How do you find out about adult service agencies?

There are a number of ways to find adult service agencies:

- The Transition Improvement Grant (TIG) website Transition Partnerships: <https://witig.org/transition-partners/>
- Contact your county Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC): <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/>
- Call the statewide United Way 211 number for help in getting contact information for agencies that serve your community.
- Attend transition activities such as fairs, workshops, and conferences offered through your school or other agencies.
- Contact Independent Living Centers (ILC): <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/ilcs.htm>.

## How and when do I contact adult service agencies?

- Contact your local Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) office two years prior to your child's graduation/exit from high school to complete a referral for employment opportunities.
- Contact your local ADRC office when your child is 17 years 6 months for assistance with long term care options and decision making options.
- Consider other adult agencies that can assist your child in meeting their future goals.
- Discuss with these agencies the next steps to consider when preparing for transition while your child is still in high school.

## How are adult service agencies involved in the IEP team meeting?

- You may invite adult service agency personnel to the IEP team meeting.
- With your written consent, the school has a responsibility to invite any agency representative to the IEP meeting that is likely to be responsible for providing or paying for adult transition services during that IEP year.
- It is better to talk to adult service agency providers well before the IEP meeting so that you have the information you need to make informed choices during the IEP meeting.
- Having all support team members at the table ensures that all plans are consistent.

## What adult service agencies might be involved in transition planning?

For Roles and Responsibilities of adult agency partners see the [Transition Action Guide](#) for Post School Planning:

Adult Community Services  
Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)  
IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct)  
Department of Social Services  
Social Security  
Job Centers  
Private Agencies  
Disability Advocacy Groups

Aging and Disability Resources Centers (ADRC's)  
Family Care  
Department of Health Services  
Children's Long Term Services  
Division Vocational Rehabilitation  
Independent Living Centers  
Technical Colleges and Universities in Wisconsin  
Faith Based Communities

For more information regarding adult services visit [Opening Doors: A Guide to Adult Services](#):

### *Access a Transition Improvement Grant (TIG) Coordinator*

A listing of the TIG Technical Assistance staff can be found at <https://witig.org/contact/>. Our services are available at no cost to educators, families, youth and transition stakeholders. An electronic version of the form below can be found by searching the term "Transition Planning for Families" at <https://www.witig.org/resource-link.html?id=31432>

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Options Available if You Need Assistance with Postsecondary Transition Planning

*Student Name*

## Who Can I Talk To?

### Special Education Teacher

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:

### School Counselor

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:

### School Psychologist

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:

### School Principal

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:

### Transition Coordinator

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:

### Director of Special Education

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:

**Local Contacts**  
working closely with your school district educators, TIG Regional Coordinators and Outside Agencies will assist in building strong postsecondary outcomes for your child.

### Regional Transition Coordinator Transition Improvement Grant

[www.witig.org](http://www.witig.org)

Name:  
Address:  
Phone:  
Email:

### State Contacts & Resources

### Dept. of Public Instruction Transition Consultant

Name: Alicia Reinhard  
Phone: (608) 266-1146  
Email: [alicia.reinhard@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:alicia.reinhard@dpi.wi.gov)  
Website:  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/about/state-performance-plan/indicators/13-transition>

### Local Aging & Disability Resource Center

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:  
Website:  
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/>

### Local Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:  
Website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/>

### Family Support Contact (Ex: WSPEI and WI FACETS)

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:  
Websites: <http://wspei.org/>  
<http://www.wifacets.org/>

### Independent Living Centers (ILC)

Name:  
Phone:  
Email:  
Website:  
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/ilcs.htm>

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