



## Transition Time-Line for Families Planning for Life After Graduation

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Age of child	Steps to take
Anytime, ASAP	Get on Medicaid Waiver Interest Lists
By age 6	Give your child tasks to do at home
10-12	Start talking with your child about work, planning for the future; encourage interests and talents
10-12	Explore volunteer and paid jobs in the neighborhood; keep a work experience log
14 +	Have your child participate in ARD meetings
14+	Request a planning process at school but outside of ARD process. Bring in relevant staff and community; inventory the present, discuss and document goals and needs post graduation; translate into IEP goals
14	Your child's school staff must start to include transition planning in the IEP process
14	By 9 <sup>th</sup> grade, determine when your child will graduate, under what graduation plan, using what end of year tests
14	If planning for college, make sure student is on the graduation plan that prepares him for college
14+	Learn about DARS transition services

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14-18	Look for adult medical services to replace pediatric, how to pay for adult medical services, how to have a voice in medical issues after child turns 18
14-18	Encourage your child to begin to speak for himself with medical providers, school staff, etc.
14-18	Find ways for your child to get vocational experience on and off campus; use school services to get a job before graduation
14-17	Make sure you do not have assets above \$2000 in accounts and other financial instruments in your child's name
17.5	Prepare to apply for SSI/Medicaid; prepare to provide proof of disability, low income
17.5	Consider your child's decision-making abilities and what level of assistance she will need after age 18
18	If your child needs assistance making decisions, consider guardianship or other legal instruments that allow you to speak for or assist your child with legal, financial and medical issues, such as power of attorney or a Supported Decision Making document
18	Apply for SSI (after age 18, based on child's income, not family's)
18	Child graduates and gets diploma or walks the stage and stays in school for 18+ program (ARD decision); may stay in school until year student turns 22

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Last years of school	Find opportunities to link up with other students and families for social life after graduation
Last years of school	Sign up with DARS counselor, use DARS transition services
Last year of school	Get Summary of Performance from school; use to get college accommodations and as proof of disability
Last year of school	Move planning group from school-based to community-based; develop a network of community supports

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