

Transition Decision Tree

For students and families

Children's Long Term Care Waiver: Does your son/daughter have a high level of care needs and need the extra support and services to reach his or her goals after high school? Connect with the Children's Waiver Worker for information on Children's Long Term Care Waiver – a family driven program focused on helping the family make school life and home life as consistent as possible. Burnett County: 715-349-7600 and Polk County: 715-485-8400 (ask for the Children's Waiver Worker)

Resources and Educational Opportunities:

- Contact Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI) for educational opportunities, support and help navigating the transition process. Family Engagement Coordinator: Debbie Brennan at 612-810-5608 .
- Visit the Wisconsin Transition Improvement Grant website for resources: www.wtig.org . Click on Transition in Wisconsin and Parent or Student Resources.

Post Secondary Education Options:

If your son/daughter is interested in perusing a post secondary education degree or certification start researching technical schools and colleges now. While determining the right school, connect with the disability services department at each school to learn what services they provide—each school is a little different.

Wisconsin Technical Colleges Accommodation Specialists:

<http://www.wistechcolleges.org/preparing-college/special-accommodations/student-services-contacts>

UW Schools Disability Services Coordinators:

<https://www.wisconsin.edu/disability-resources/coordinators/>

Services and Assistance as an Adult:

When your son/daughter turns 17.5 years old contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Northwest Wisconsin at 877-485-2372 for help navigating adult services and programs.

At this point, several areas of the transition process need to be addressed including: decision making supports, supplement security income (SSI), adult long term care options and services and connection to other supports/resources needed to live safely and as independently as possibly. **Note:** If your son/daughter is on Children's Waiver, that case worker will assist with referral to the ADRC at 17.5 years of age.

Decision Making Supports:

Will your son or daughter need assistance making decisions as an adult? The ADRC will guide you through decision making support options and refer you to Adult Protective Services if your son/daughter will need a guardianship.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI):

If your son/daughter is on SSI as a child, Social Security will send out paperwork with instructions for how to apply for SSI as an adult. If your son/daughter is not on SSI and won't be able to get and maintain employment due to their disability, the ADRC will help you apply or direct you to the Social Security Administration to Apply for SSI.

Adult Long Term Care Services and Programs:

Will your son or daughter need help on a long term basis? For example: continued work with DVR/supported employment, 24 hour supervision, an adult family home setting ect. The ADRC of Northwest WI will discuss long term care services and program options available.

Transition planning starts at 14 years of age.

Areas to work on in preparation for their life after high school include:

- Activities of Daily Living
- Self Determination and Advocacy
- Vocational Training/Experience
- Learning about post-secondary education options

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Vocational Training/Experience:

Contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) 2 years before graduation to help prepare your son/daughter for their vocational goals. DVR works with individuals with all types disabilities and they provide different levels of training and assistance individualized to each person.

Burnett County– 877-387-3879; Polk County– 800-228-2587; Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (VR): 800-236-2195 ext 5305

Wisconsin Job Centers assist individuals of all working ages find employment:

Burnett County: 715-635-2175; Polk County: 715-485-3115