

TRANSITIONING TO ADULTHOOD TIME LINE



AGE: 14—16

Prepare & Plan

- Develop a vision for life after high school that may include college or employment options.
- Include transition goals in your child's IEP
- Network with others who have recently experienced transition or who are currently in transition planning.
- Have you opened an RDSP for your child yet?
- Start to build your team, including family, school and community connections
- Apply for a Social Insurance Number and Birth Certificate or proof of citizenship

Transition Information Evening

Wednesday April 25th
7 - 9 PM

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AGE: 17

Accessing & Applying

- Clarify college options and other post-secondary entry requirements and eligibility criteria
- Contact Community Living British Columbia (CLBC) for information regarding any assessments which may be necessary to prove eligibility for adult services
- Contact your community volunteer connection for volunteer opportunities
- Include volunteer and employment goals in the IEP
- Make arrangements to visit community living agencies in your community to see what they offer
- Apply for a BC I.D. Card.
- 17 ½** : Apply for Persons With A Disability Benefits (PWD) with Ministry of Housing & Social Development
- Open a bank account for PWD deposits
- Meet with a CLBC Facilitator at your local Community Living Office to develop a Person-Centred Plan for life after high school. Identify and include requests for Community Living supports and services.

AGE: 18

Putting the Plan in Place

- PWD: One month before the 18th birthday the Ministry will confirm eligibility followed by an intake meeting.
- At-Home Program medical coverage ends and Persons With a Disability Benefits medical coverage begins.
- Make a decision on an additional school year if not 19 years by August 31st.
- Keep building community connections for work, volunteer and social connections
- Develop a personal portfolio or r sum  on work and volunteer experience.
- Apply for bus pass (\$45 per/yr) for persons with disabilities by calling 1-866-866-0800 & follow prompts
- 18½** : prepare to make a "Representation Agreement" for age 19.
- Apply for post-secondary training and education programs
- Apply for scholarships and bursaries
- Celebrate Graduation from High School

AGE: 19 and Beyond

Ongoing Planning

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- At Home Respite benefits end at 19.
- Prepare and sign a Representation Agreement. At 19 parents are no longer their child's legal guardian.
- Will and estate planning
- Long-term financial planning
- Continue to build social networks; pursue hobbies and opportunities for leisure and recreation; find employment or attend a post-secondary institution
- Explore self-advocacy opportunities.
- Plan for future steps e.g. housing, ongoing discovery and development of a life plan.