

PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL



Agencies and Service Providers for Students with Disabilities

Achieving successful post-secondary outcomes is a goal we have for all students. Depending on the disability and the support services required in adult life, successful transition from high school to adult life may require that planning activities begin in elementary school with students exploring their interests and preferences in middle school. Starting the process early prepares students with disabilities the time to think about what they want to do in adult life. High school transition planning includes exploring post-secondary opportunities and employment options. Additionally, transition may include connecting with the adult service agencies that help provide the student with services when he or she graduates or turn 22 years of age.

Beginning no later than the first IEP to be in effect when the eligible student is 14, or younger if the ARD committee thinks it is necessary, the IEP should include a post school vision statement as well as identify the transition services that the district or charter school will provide to support their vision. Please be aware that regardless of the severity of the disability, legal rights will transfer to your child at age 18 unless you pursue legal guardianship.

To further this effort Region 10 personnel, provide staff development, training, special projects, and technical assistance to administrators, teachers, transition specialist, parents, and other agencies.

What Does the Child Centered Legal Framework Say?

Beginning not later than the first Individualized Education Program (IEP) to be in effect when the child is 14, or younger if determined appropriate by the admission, review and dismissal committee (ARD), and updated annually thereafter, the ARD committee must:

Develop appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age appropriate transition assessments related to: Training, Education, Employment, where appropriate, independent living skills; and develop transition services (including courses of study needed) to assist the child in reaching these goals

If the child does not attend the ARD Committee meeting where transition services are discussed, the local education agency must take other steps to ensure the child's preferences and interests are considered.

Beginning not later than 1 year before the child reaches age eighteen (18), the ARD committee must provide a statement that the child has been informed of the child's rights under the IDEA, if any, that will transfer to the child on reaching the age of majority. (Cited from [Region 18 Education Service Center.](#))

Who We Are:

Region 10 Education Service Center (ESC) is one of 20 regional service centers established by the Texas State Legislature in 1967 for the purpose of providing services to school districts and citizens within our defined geographic region. The special education component of Region 10 ESC provides leadership, training, technical assistance for students with disabilities in accordance with the Texas Education Agency's focus on increasing student achievement. Our team of special education consultants can assist with any disability. Region 10 Education Service Center, located in Richardson, provides staff development, special projects and technical assistance at no cost if you live or work within our service area. We serve the following counties: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman and Rockwall, and parts of Henderson and Van Zandt Counties.

Local Agencies and Service Providers

Achieve

Programs include: vocational training, day habilitation services, instruction and counseling in the attainment and maintenance of marketable work skills; supported job placements and follow along services.

8800 Ambassador Row

Dallas, TX. 75247

(214) 637-2911

[Achieve](#)

Achievement Center of Texas

Day habilitation, educational assistance and community inclusion for children and adults with special needs. ACT serves Dallas, Garland, Richardson & surrounding cities.

2950 N. Shiloh Rd. Garland, TX. 75044

(972) 414-7700

[Achievement Center of Texas](#)

Citizens Development Center

Programs include: vocational training, day habilitation services, instruction and counseling in the attainment and maintenance of marketable work skills; supported job placements and follow along services.

8800 Ambassador Row

Dallas, TX. 75247

(214) 637-2911

[Citizens Development Center](#)

Local Agencies and Service Providers

Region 10 ESC Interagency Resources

Livebinder

Interagency Resources Serving the Children and Families of Region 10 ESC (Grayson, Fannin, Collin, Hunt, Rockwall, Dallas, Ellis Kaufman, and portions of Van Zandt and Henderson Counties)

[Region 10 Interagency Resources](#)

The Eleanor and Charles Garrett Center on Transition and Disability Studies

The first of its kind in Texas to have a dedicated focus on the practitioner aspects of transition services and will serve as a dedicated gateway of information for transition team members including educators, students with disabilities, their families, and agencies and community partners

[Garrett Center on Transition and Disabilities](#)

Grayson County Community Colleges- Disability Services

Contact for accommodations while attending college.

[Grayson County Community College Disability Services](#)

Lakes Regional MHMR

Their mission is to ensure access to services and supports that enrich the lives of the individuals and families served. Lakes Regional MHMR serves Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, & Rockwall counties.

(972) 524-4159

[Lakes Regional MHMR](#)

Local Agencies and Service Providers

Reach of Dallas

Provide advocacy assistance, independent living skills training, social/ recreation activities and employment assistance.

[Reach of Dallas](#)

Texoma Community Center

Their mission is to promote the accessibility of services that improve quality of life and support self-determination for persons with mental and developmental disorders. Serves Fannin & Grayson Counties.

315 McLain Street

Sherman, TX 75092

(903)0957-4701

[Texoma Community Center](#)

The ARC of North Texas

Resources, services and information for persons with developmental disabilities for Dallas & surrounding counties.

12700 Hillcrest, Suite 200

Dallas, TX. 75230

(214) 634-9810

[ARC of North Texas](#)

The Coventry Reserve

The Coventry Reserve is a distinctive day program for adults with special needs that offers life enrichment opportunities, creative activities and therapeutic programs.

972-636-8498.

2004 Parker Road

St. Paul, TX 75098

[Coventry Reserve](#)

Local Agencies and Service Providers

Collin College Community Colleges-Disability Services

Accommodations at Collin College for Equal Support Services Click here for website:

[Collin College Disability Services](#)

Community Homes for Adults, Inc.

Provides programs and services to enable adults with Cognitive Disabilities to live full, rich lives in a safe environment and to meaningfully participate in the community.

13101 Preston Rd Ste. 312 Dallas, Texas
(214) 373-8600

[Community Homes for Adults](#)

Dallas Area Rapid Transit- DART

Will provide curb-to-curb transportation for persons with documented physical disabilities that prevent the use of regular transit buses.

Reduced fares for ages 12-18 and enrolled in a curriculum to obtain a high school diploma.

Customer Care: (214) 749-3333

Paratransit Service: (214) 515-7272

Customer Info: (214) 979-1111

[DART Riding](#)

[Paratransit](#)

Dallas County Community Colleges-Disability Services

Contact for accommodations while attending college.

[DCCC-Disability Services](#)

Local Agencies and Service Providers

LifePath Systems of Collin County

Provide quality treatment, support and planning assistance to North Texas residents with special needs.

1515 Heritage Drive
McKinney, TX 75069

(972) 562-0190

[LifePath Systems](#)

Metrocare

Metrocare is the largest provider of mental health services in North Texas.

Eligibility Determination Unit

1353 N. Westmoreland Bldg. F (Cottage 4)
Dallas, TX. 75211

(214) 333-7000

[Metrocare](#)

Mosaic

Mosaic provides supports and advocacy in partnership with people who have disabilities.

2245 Midway Rd. #300

Carrollton, TX. 75006

(972) 866-9989

[Mosaic](#)

North Texas Job Corp-McKinney

Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program.

1701 N. Church Street McKinney, TX. 75069
(972) 542-2623

[North Texas Job Corp](#)

PATH

A grant project of Partners Resource Network, Inc., one of three federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers.

1-800-866-4726 [PATH](#)

State Agencies and Resources

211 Texas Infoline

2-1-1 Texas, a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, is committed to helping Texas citizens connect with the services they need. Alternate phone number: 1-877-541-7905

[211 Texas Website](#)

SpedTEX-Special Education Information Center

Delivering accurate and timely resources about special education to stakeholders across the state of Texas. Phone: 1-800SPED-TEX or 1-855-773-3829

www.spedtex.org

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Secondary Transition Guidance

Web resources for secondary transition.

[TEA Secondary Transition Guidance](#)

Texas Project First

A project of the Texas Education Agency committed to providing accurate and consistent information to parents and families of students with disabilities.

[Texas Project First](#)

Texas Transition

Provides viewers with knowledge of the secondary transition process to facilitate student progress toward attainment of their postsecondary goals. On this site you will find resources for students, parents, educators and agency resources.

[Transition in Texas](#)

Texas Workforce Commission

Their mission is to promote and support a workforce system that creates value and offers employers, individuals, and communities the opportunity to achieve and sustain economic prosperity.

[Texas Workforce Commission](#)

National Agencies and Service Providers

AHEAD-Association on Higher Education and Disability

Association on Higher Education And Disability (AHEAD) is an international, multicultural organization of professionals committed to full participation in higher education for persons with disabilities.

[Association on Higher Education and Disability](#)

National Center on Secondary Education and Transition

Coordinates national resources, offers technical assistance, and disseminates information related to secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities in order to create opportunities to achieve a successful future.

[National Center on Secondary Education and Transition](#)

National Center for College Students with Disabilities Clearinghouse

National center in the U.S. for college and graduate students with any type of disability, chronic health condition, or mental or emotional illness.

[National Center for College Students with Disabilities](#)

National Collaborative on Workforce & Disability

The source for information about employment and youth with disabilities.

(877) 871-0744

[National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability](#)

National Agencies and Service Providers

National Consortium on Leadership and Disability with Youth

A youth-led resource, information, and training center for youth and emerging leaders with developmental disabilities, housed at the Institute for Educational Leadership and funded by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

(877) 871-0744

[National Consortium on Leadership and Disability](#)

National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT)

Assist in implementing evidence-based and promising practices ensuring students with disabilities, including those with significant disabilities, graduate prepared for success in postsecondary education and employment.

[National Technical Assistance Center on Transition](#)

PACER's National Parent Center on Transition and Employment

Technical Assistance on Transition and the Rehabilitation Act (TATRA) and other parent information and training projects help families learn how they can help youth with disabilities prepare for independent living, access adult service systems, and work effectively with professionals.

[National Parent Center on Transition](#)

National Agencies and Service Providers

Project SEARCH

The Project SEARCH Transition-to-Work Program is a unique, business-led, one-year employment preparation program that takes place entirely at the workplace.

[Project Search Transition to Work Program](#)

Res Care Inc.

A human services company that offers housing or employment services to people of all ages and abilities to help make their lives more independent.

(866)737-2273 [Res-Care](#)

Think College

Think College is a national organization dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with intellectual disability. [Think College](#)

For Further Information:

www.region10.org/specialeducation

