Transition to Adulthood Planning Toolkit

The ultimate guide to help prepare you and your child
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This toolkit helps families plan for their child to succeed in school, at work and in life.

What is a transition plan?

Transition planning is a process. The child, parent and people who provide supports help the young person create a vision for the future. The young person’s strengths, interests and talents are identified. Using this information, a step by step plan is created. The plan outlines the steps, supports and goals needed to make a smooth transition from school to adult life. This toolkit guides you through the steps to planning a successful transition.
How To Successfully Use This Transition Planning Toolkit

This is *your* toolkit, so make the most of it! Use this book as a place to write down information, brainstorm ideas and set goals for the future. Below is information that will help you get the most out of this toolkit.

**Terminology:** Throughout this toolkit, the individual who is transitioning is referred to as “the child”. Your child at the beginning of this process is young, however as you work through the toolkit it is important to remember that they are becoming a *young adult*.

**Questions:** This section of the toolkit will ask you important questions that you need to answer in order to move forward with the transition planning process.

**Notes:** This section of the toolkit provides you a space to keep notes for future reference.

**Responsibility:** This section of the toolkit will help you understand who is responsible for completing each step of the transition toolkit. The responsibility for a step may fall on the family, the individual with the diagnosis, a school, an agency or any combination of the above.

**Brainstorm:** This section of the toolkit allows you to work out ideas and think about the big picture. Use the brainstorm pages throughout this toolkit to think about future goals and plan the steps needed to accomplish them.
We want all students to be successful with their post-secondary goals. How early you start planning depends on your child’s disability and the support services needed. Start the process as early as you can to prepare your child to think about what they want to do when they leave high school.

A plan to transition from high school includes:

- exploring post-secondary opportunities
- exploring volunteer and employment options
- connecting with adult service agencies for support and services
- outlining areas of personal development and life skills that need practice

Please remember that community agencies and your school board could assist with the planning of your child’s transition to adulthood. You may ask your school or other professionals for assistance.

Try to assess your child’s abilities during the planning process.
Help your child develop and work on goals to build skills and be part of their community. Goals should reflect the student’s abilities, strengths and interests.

Skill building opportunities may include:

- volunteering
- high school co-op placements
- school clubs
- school events
- teams
- community recreation groups

You can also help your child build their independence and life skills at home.

Opportunities at home may include:

- building on personal hygiene skills
- learning how to greet someone
- helping to prepare meals
- preparing their lunch
- cleaning dishes
- putting dishes away
- helping with laundry
- helping with cleaning
# Transitional Planning Checklist

Check off the steps as you complete them to track your progress.

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**Transitional Planning Flow Chart**

**Do you suspect your child has Autism Spectrum Disorder or another Developmental Disability?**
- Ask your doctor for a referral for a diagnostic assessment

**Already have a diagnosis?**
- After you have a confirmed diagnosis make copies of the diagnosis letter and keep it in a safe place as you will need this often

**Call Contact Niagara to get referred to appropriate services**

**Grade 7**
- Work with your school to identify which education program is best for your child

**Grade 8**
- Transition planning for high school begins. Look into high school options for your child and meet with the teachers and potential schools

**During High School**
- What are your child’s plans for post-secondary?
- What qualifications/skills does the child need?
- What opportunities are there to teach independence and self-advocacy skills?

**Age 12-14 years**
- If your child was diagnosed at a younger age, ensure you have an updated psycho-educational assessment. See page 3 of the toolkit

**Age 14 years**
- Call Contact Niagara to begin the referral process to the DSO for adult services

**Age 17 ½ years**
- Call the ODSP to begin the application for monthly financial income

**Age 18 years**
- If your child is eligible for adult services, follow up with the DSO to book a series of meetings with you and your child to help connect them with services in the community

**Pre-Employment**
- Training, Classes, Workshops

**Employment**
- Full Time, Part Time, Job Placement

**Post Secondary Education**
- University, College, Programs for individuals with Developmental Disabilities (CICE)

**Other Programming**
- Day Programs, Recreational Clubs, Sports Leagues, ETC.
What do you know so far about planning for your child’s future?
What is important to you to plan for in advance?
STEP 1:
Planning Begins As Early As Possible

Question:
Do you have written proof of your child’s diagnosis?

Contact Niagara needs:

A) a confirmed diagnosis or
B) an updated confirmation of a developmental disability for your child
   (12-14 years of age)
C) psycho-educational, psychosocial or psychological assessment may be needed

Call Contact Niagara if your child does not have an assessment.
Ask for a referral for the needed assessment.
Call Contact Niagara at 905-684-3407

*Please Note:* If you choose to use a publicly funded agency, for example Bethesda, there could be a long waitlist. Another option could be having a private assessment completed, the cost may vary in price anywhere from $1500- $2500. The cost of the assessment may be covered by your health insurance.

**Responsibility Of:** The Family

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STEP 2:
Get Local Community Agencies & Services Involved

Question:
What agencies and services are you connected to?

Local agencies that support children with a diagnosis may help with the planning process.

Examples of local agencies:
- Community Living
- Niagara Support Services
- Autism Ontario (Niagara Region Chapter)
- Bethesda
- and more

Contact Niagara is able to give you more information about other agencies or services if needed. Call Contact Niagara to connect to a local agency: 905-684-3407

Please Note: Some agencies do not need a referral from Contact Niagara, for example, Autism Ontario.

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STEP 3: Identifying What Education Program Is Best For The Student

Question:
Is your child “exceptional”?

Students with special needs may be identified as “exceptional” by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC). You may make a referral to the IPRC at your child’s school. The following people can make referrals to an IPRC:

- principals
- teachers
- parents / guardians
- students (self-referral)

What is the importance of an IPRC?
An IPRC will review placement options for identified students including:

- special education classes full-time or with partial integration
- regular classes with indirect support, resource assistance or withdrawal assistance

This will lead to an Individual Education Plan (IEP) that outlines special education programming and goal-planning. It focuses on your child’s needs. You may waive an annual IPRC meeting if your child’s identification and placement do not change.

★ Responsibility Of: The Family and School

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STEP 4:
Choosing a High School and Transition Planning

Questions:
What options are available for high school? Which board provides the best options? Have I planned to meet with current teachers to discuss transitioning?

Figure out what works best for your child’s needs by:

- researching options
- attending open houses and visiting with schools of interest
- asking questions! *(Come prepared with a list of questions)*

**Superintendent approval is needed for out-of-bounds schools and if approved, transportation will be the parent’s responsibility.**

Remember to:

- share goals and support details with chosen high schools
- ask the high school for updates
- create new goals during the school year

You may invite community agencies and staff from different school boards to help with your child’s success *(for more information refer to Appendix A).*

★ ** Responsibility Of:** The student, family and school

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STEP 5: During High School

**Questions:**
What opportunities does my child have for independence? What post-secondary options are available? Is my child aware of their strengths? How can I help my child learn to self-advocate?

Involving your child in school and community life to develop social and life skills.

**Opportunities may include:**
- school clubs or teams
- extracurricular activities
- local youth groups or sports teams
- hobbies or lessons

Ask the Resource Teacher for ideas.

You and your child should talk about setting life goals. These will be based on your child’s interests, abilities and needs. Your child may attend Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings to help plan and learn to self-advocate.

**Responsibility Of:** The student, family and school

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**STEP 6: Call Contact Niagara**

**Question:**
Is my child eligible for services offered by Developmental Services of Ontario (DSO)?

Call Contact Niagara to ask about available adult services and the process taken to determine your child’s eligibility. Call 905-684-3407/Toll Free 1-800-933-3617. It is important to provide any documentation you have that will help prove your child has a disability and requires support and services. DSO will ask for proof of disability to determine your child’s eligibility. They may ask for proof of identification, such as a signed photocopy of a birth certificate or health card. At age 16 your child may get an Ontario Photo Card as identification. This is available through Service Ontario: [http://www.ontario.ca/government/ontario-photo-card](http://www.ontario.ca/government/ontario-photo-card).

Once the intake process is finished and all the relevant documentation has been passed on, you will be informed of your child’s eligibility. Once eligibility has been confirmed your child will then have 2 meetings with DSO staff to discuss needs.

- Application for Developmental Services and Supports (ADSS)
- Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)

DSO will make referrals to appropriate adult services/agencies on behalf of your child when your child is 18 years of age.

★ **Responsibility Of:** The family

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STEP 7:
Apply for Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

Question:
Have you applied for a monthly income for your child?

It is suggested to apply for ODSP at 17½ years of age.

ODSP is a monthly financial income for adults 18+ with disabilities.
ODSP needs documentation as proof of disability.

Contact ODSP: 905-688-3022

★ Responsibility Of: The student and family

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## STEP 8:

**Follow Up With Referrals from Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)**

### Questions:

- Do I feel supported and connected to services?
- Do I need current proof of disability?

DSO will consider your child’s needs. They will make suitable referrals to appropriate adult services/agencies on behalf of your child once your child is 18 years of age.

*Families are still able to access children’s services until the age of 18.*

### Referrals for service may include:

- housing
- community participation
- in-home supports
- behavioural supports
- day supports
- respite
- Passport

### Responsibility Of: The student, family, DSO and supporting agencies

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What are your child’s likes and dislikes? Where do you see your child five years from now? What are your dreams for your child in adulthood?
STEP 9:
Explore Post-Secondary Options After High School

Questions:
Do you talk to your child about the direction they want to take when they first start high school? What options are available to my child after high school?

- a) Post-secondary education (college, university, literacy programs, courses)
- b) Pre-employment (training, classes, workshops)
- c) Employment (full time, part-time, job placement)
- d) Recreational (leisure activities, clubs, sports leagues, Special Olympics)

Figure out what your child wants to do after graduation by:
- talking to your child and researching options
- talking to your school, agency worker, and other parents
- attending resource fairs and open houses
- calling and visiting community agencies of interest
- asking questions; come prepared with a list of questions
- finding a volunteer position in a place you think your child might want to work to see if it is a good fit

Remember to:
- include your child in this process
- make sure your child is ready and prepared for the chosen path
- match your child’s abilities, interests and goals with your child’s transitional plan
- share the chosen direction with the high school, workers, and family

⭐ Responsibility Of: The student and family

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STEP 9a:
Explore Educational Options After High School

Questions:

What educational options are available for my child after high school?
  - For example: college, adult education, or university

What qualifications will they need?
  - For example: diploma certificate of achievement or resume

What documentation will they need to access these options?
  - For example: IEP, IPRC, assessments or high school transcripts

What services and supports does your child need to succeed?
  - For example: note taking, technology or service animal

What supports does the post-secondary school offer to help your child succeed?
  - For example: talk to your child’s high school guidance or resource counselor

What additional supports will they need, as adults with special needs?
  - For example: transit training, note taking, social or skill training

Remember to:

  • include your child in this process
  • make sure your child is ready and prepared for the chosen path
  • match your child’s abilities, interests and goals with your child’s transitional plan
  • share the chosen direction with the high school, workers, family and the chosen post secondary school

★ Responsibility Of: The student and family

Notes:
STEP 9b:
Explore Pre-Employment Options After High School

Questions:
What pre-employment options are available for my child after high school?
• For example: volunteering, job placements or classes

Do they need a high school, college or university diploma or a certificate of achievement?

What services and supports does your child need to succeed?
• For example: a job coach

What documentation is needed to ensure that your child can access the chosen services or supports?
• For example: resume, high school transcripts or IEP

What additional supports will they need as adults with special needs?
• For example: transit training or social skill training

Remember to:
• include your child in this process
• make sure your child is ready and prepared for the chosen path
• match your child’s abilities, interests and goals with your child’s transitional plan
• share the chosen direction with the high school, workers, and family

★ Responsibility Of: The student and family

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STEP 9c:
Explore Employment Options After High School

Questions:

What employment options are available for my child after high school?
- For example: part time or fulltime employment

Will my child qualify for an employment support program?
- For example: ODSP Employment Support, Youth Employment or Ontario Works

Do they need a high school, college or university diploma or a certificate of achievement?

What services and supports does your child need to succeed?
- For example: job coach or transportation

What additional supports will they need as an adult with special needs?
- For example: transit training or pre-employment training

What documentation is needed to get the job they want?
- For example: WHMIS, First Aid certification or a police check

Remember to:
- include your child in this process
- make sure your child is ready and prepared for the chosen path
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- share the chosen direction with the high school, workers, and family

★ Responsibility Of: The student and family

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STEP 9d:
Explore Recreation, Leisure and Community Options After High School

Questions:
What recreational and leisure options are available for my child after high school?
• For example: Volunteering, Adult Education, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club or Parks and Recreation

Is my child able to access these recreational options?

What is needed to access the chosen recreational or leisure activity?
• For example: money, transportation or additional support

What documentation is needed to access the chosen activity?
• For example: swimming or dance level certificates

Remember to:
• include your child in this process
• make sure your child is ready and prepared for the chosen path
• match your child’s abilities, interests and goals with your child’s transitional plan
• share the chosen direction with the high school, workers, and family

★ Responsibility Of: The student and family

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STEP 10:
Bringing the Integrated Transition Plan Together

What you need to do:
1. Take time to read the information you have written in your toolkit
2. Collect and compile all of the information from the toolkit
3. Summarize the information you have collected by answering the questions on the form called “Bringing the Integrated Transition Plan Together” (Appendix D)
4. Write your answers on the form
5. Review the information with your child to make sure all the information is up to date
6. Bring the form to the Integrated Transition Plan meeting

Remember to:
- talk to your child often to find out what they want to do and what their dreams and transition goals are as things in their lives change
- make plans for your child to attend and be part of the meeting
- keep the focus on identifying and planning for your child’s transition goals and dreams
- look at the summary and update it as your child’s goals and dreams change, don’t file it away!

★ Responsibility Of: The student, family, community agencies & school

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STEP 11:
How To Prepare For Your Child’s Integrated Transition Plan

Questions:

Who should be at my child’s Integrated Transition Plan?
- For example: family, teachers, support workers and community agencies

Who should run the meeting?
- The chosen lead agency, the school or someone from a community agency

How do I know what I want from the meeting?
- Start the conversation with your child and ask questions. For example: What do you want to do after graduation (work, school, volunteer or join clubs)? Where do you want to live? What do you need in your life to succeed? Who is going to help you reach your goals (mom, dad, friends, neighbour, teacher, employer or support worker)?
- Look at the information on the form called “Bringing the Integrated Transitioning Plan Together” (Appendix D)

Remember to:
- talk to your child as early as possible to find out what they want to do and what their dreams and transition goals are
- choose who the lead agency is going to be
- set a date for the meeting; plan for your child to attend and be part of the meeting
- keep the focus on identifying and planning for your child’s transition goals and dreams
- get the write up of your child’s Integrated Transition Plan from the lead agency
- share the plan with people in your child’s life (family, school and local agencies)

★ Responsibility Of: The student, family, community agencies & school

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Appendix A.1

Things for parents to consider when thinking about potential high schools

Things to think about:

- Research options

- Visit local schools for example (Catholic School Board or District School Board of Niagara)

- Arrange for your child to visit the various schools. A private tour could be requested, a visit to the school when classes are in progress or attending an open house. It may vary according to your child’s abilities and needs.

- Attend open houses and information sessions

- Gather all the relevant information (IEP, assessments, transitional plan) from the elementary school to share with the new school and at the transition meeting.

- Superintendent approval is needed for out of bounds schools. If approved, transportation is the parent’s responsibility.

Remember:

- You can ask as many questions as you need

- You may bring a friend to the meetings for support
Appendix A.2

Questions for parents to ask potential high schools

Questions to think about asking:

- Will my child be integrated or in a special education class?

- What courses are available for my child in grades 9-12; for example, automotive, culinary, tech classes, and co-op placements?

- Will they be able to earn credits?

- Will they receive a diploma or certificate of learning?

- What supports will be available and accessible for my child and what will they look like?

- Do you have a process in place to help my child transition into grade 9? If yes, what is the process?

- What are your policies/procedures around working with families and outside agencies such as, Community Living, Options Niagara, Mainstream, etc?

- You may ask questions about options around the scheduling of the classes chosen.

Remember:

- You can ask as many questions as you need

- You may bring a friend to the meetings for support
### Appendix B.1

**Post-secondary Options: Education**

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<td>Niagara Regional Literacy Council</td>
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Post-secondary Options: Pre-employment, Classes, Trainings & Workshops

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<td>Business Education Council of Niagara, Employment Services <a href="http://www.becniagara.ca/">www.becniagara.ca</a></td>
<td>905-684-7200</td>
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<td>Canadian Mental Health REAL Work <a href="http://www.cmhaniagara.ca/">www.cmhaniagara.ca</a> <a href="mailto:realwork@cmhaniagara.ca">realwork@cmhaniagara.ca</a></td>
<td>905-994-1905 905-641-5222 905-732-9323</td>
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<td>The Hope Centre <a href="http://www.thehopecentre.net/">www.thehopecentre.net/</a></td>
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Post-secondary Options: Employment

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<td>Erie Personnel-Employment Professionals Canada</td>
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<td>Skills of Success, Bethlehem Housing</td>
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<td>Transitions to Employment</td>
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<td>YMCA Employment Services</td>
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If you need to find more community resources you can access the following:


- Information Niagara [http://niagara.cioc.ca/](http://niagara.cioc.ca/)
Appendix C

Preparation For Adulthood

**Encourage your child to join:**

- school clubs, organized sports
- classes and lessons, such as swimming, dance, judo, art
- Special Olympics
- youth/social groups, such as Canadian Mental Health, Community Living, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Autism Ontario

*Call Contact Niagara, or service providers if you need information or help for any specialized groups*

**Encourage your child to:**

- make and keep friendships by inviting friends over
- make plans to go the movies, to go for a walk, to go shopping
- do chores such as laundry, cleaning, garbage, dishes
- have their own bank account and learn how to budget money
- make their own appointments, such as doctor and hairdresser
- spend time alone at home without family members during the day and overnight, when possible
- do errands on their own such as get groceries, pick up things
- explore transportation options within your town such as public transportation, Red Cross or FAST.
- use public transportation and apply to access the specialized transportation
- have a paper route, part-time job or volunteer
Appendix D

Bringing the Integrated Transition Plan Together

1. List your hopes and dreams for the future as a young adult
   (What do you want to do? What do you want in life?)

2. Where will you live?
   (by yourself, with others, with family, house, apartment, group home?)

3. What will you do after you leave school?
   (school, work, community activities, volunteer)

4. What are your strengths, interests and skills?

5. What skills do you need to reach your goals?

6. What support will you need to succeed?
## Appendix E

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<td>*Developmental Services of Ontario</td>
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<td>Contact Niagara Hamilton</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@contacthamilton.ca">info@contacthamilton.ca</a></td>
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<td>*Niagara Centre for Independent Living will offer help with the Disability Tax Credit and Registered Disability Pension Plans</td>
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| Helen Sanderson and Associates  
*Person Centred Thinking information, tools and resources | [www.helensandersonassociates.co.uk/person-centred-practice/](http://www.helensandersonassociates.co.uk/person-centred-practice/) |
| MiProfile  
*online help to make one page profiles | [www.miprofile.ca](http://www.miprofile.ca) |
| Think About Your Life  
*Person Centred Thinking information, tools and resources | [www.thinkaboutyourlife.org](http://www.thinkaboutyourlife.org) |
| Live Work Play  
*Helpful information for living a full life | [www.liveworkplay.ca](http://www.liveworkplay.ca) |
| Learning Community  
*Person Centred Thinking information, tools and resources | [www.learningcommunity.us](http://www.learningcommunity.us) |
| Think and Plan  
*Person Centred Thinking information, tools and resources | [www.thinkandplan.com](http://www.thinkandplan.com) |

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| Pathstone Mental Health  
*Services offered: psycho-educational assessments, counselling, education, early year programs | [www.pathstonementalhealth.ca/services/psycho-educational-assessments](http://www.pathstonementalhealth.ca/services/psycho-educational-assessments) |
| Mental Health Directory  
*Directory to find people who could complete an assessment for your child | [www.ementalhealth.ca/Niagara-Regional-Municipality/Psychoeducational-Assessment/index.php?m=heading&ID=453](http://www.ementalhealth.ca/Niagara-Regional-Municipality/Psychoeducational-Assessment/index.php?m=heading&ID=453) |

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*Directory of community services | [www.incommunities.ca](http://www.incommunities.ca) |
| Your Niagara  
*General information, online government services, directory and job postings | [www.yourniagara.ca](http://www.yourniagara.ca) |
| Family Support Mental Health Network  
*Directory to Mental Health Services and Programs | [www.familysupportniagara.com/resources/niagara-mental-health-programs-services-directory/](http://www.familysupportniagara.com/resources/niagara-mental-health-programs-services-directory/) |

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| Partners for Planning  
*online training webcasts | [www.planningnetwork.ca/](http://www.planningnetwork.ca/) |
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