

Annotated Resource List for Integrated Transition Planning* ***from youth to adult services in WI***

Broad resources that lead to other resources or information/referrals

Policy/Organizational Guidance:

Interagency Agreement on Transition (June 2020)

<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/partners/agreements/pdf/dpi-interagency-agreement.pdf>

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), and Department of Health Services (DHS) have the primary responsibility for providing services to students and youth with disabilities. This agreement outlines a plan to coordinate activities and programs within each agency to support positive transition with an adult goal of competitive integrated employment. This agreement is intended to support successful transition from childhood to adulthood for Wisconsin residents with disabilities.

The accompanying [Transition Action Guide \(TAG\) For Post-School Planning \(wisconsin.gov\)](#) (March 2015) is being updated to include more information on integrating health care in the transition planning, and will have online training available for its use in 2022.

Resources for Professionals, Families and Youth:

PACER [Learning Center - National Parent Center on Transition and Employment \(pacer.org\)](#)

The Learning Center informs parents and others about major components of transition to adulthood for youth with disabilities. Explore relevant articles and current resources that will help youth meet their goals for life after high school. Modular content addresses topics related to education, employment and health.

Regional Centers for CYSHCN

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cyshcn/regionalcenters.htm>

WI has 5 regional centers staffed by information and referral specialists, who are available to assist with questions about transition planning, including health benefits, changing doctors and systems from pediatrics to adult health care, independent living and employment services, and communication with schools about transition planning. **Finding Your Way: A Navigation Guide for Wisconsin Families Who Have Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and Disabilities**

Finding Your Way (English) <https://ucedd.waisman.wisc.edu/fyw/>

Encuentre Su Camino (Spanish) <https://ucedd.waisman.wisc.edu/encuentre-su-camino/>

While this guide provides information for WI families of any age child or youth with special health care needs, there is an informative chapter on “Transition to Adulthood” that includes things to consider for health care, employment, education, housing, decision making and more.

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm>

The ADRC acts as the gatekeeper to the process of applying and qualifying for long-term care benefits. Youth can apply and take a functional screen a few months prior to their 18th birthday. Benefits can include in-home personal care and nursing, home modifications, adaptive equipment, Medicare, Medicaid (including employment and independent living supports), social security, and others.

How to resources - procedure or guides (for families and youth; for professionals)

Family Voices of Wisconsin: [What's After High School? | Family Voices of Wisconsin \(familyvoiceswi.org\)](#)

The training for families with transition-age youth is available online in English and Spanish and addresses education, independent living and health care issues.

WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD)

[Toolkits | Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities \(wi-bpdd.org\)](#)

The WIBPDD strives to unite ALL of Wisconsin in supporting people with developmental disabilities to lead their most independent lives. Working with individuals, families, and other disability and health organizations, WIBPDD has created toolkits on supported decision-making vs guardianship, taking charge of your own health care and employment ("Let's Get to Work).

BeforeAge18 website (by Employment Resources Inc) [Transition Resource Guide | Before Age 18](#)

A pdf version of the transition guide can be downloaded in English, Spanish and Hmong.

Stories/real life examples that illustrate integrated transition

DPI Wisconsin Transition Improvement Grant ([witig.org](#))

The mission of the Transition Improvement Grant is to provide professional development to educators, youth, families and transition partners to ensure every child graduates, college and career ready!

https://www.witig.org/wstidata/resources/carlos-mine-sample-ms-ptp-final_1582225635.pdf

Approved sample Postsecondary Transition Plan with healthcare goal for a student with diabetes.

note: Integrated Transition Planning includes planning a **coordinated transition from pediatric/child-centered services to adult services for education, employment and health care for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities or special health care needs.*