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Memphis, TN 38112

Elementary Transition Information and a Guide to Community Resources



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Transition Planning in the IEP Process

Transition is about planning for life! It includes planning for academic and non-academic courses and learning experiences, employment and related training opportunities, choices about where to live in the community, and what to do for fun and socialization. One of the goals of transition is to help youth have an understanding of their disability and choices to determine their future. One of the ways transition does this is by connecting your child to teachers and other caring adults, support services, and experiences that build skills and help them reach their goals. Transition is based on family values, priorities, and culture, and is focused on an individual child's strengths, interests, preferences, and needs.

The involvement of youth and families is important so that youth can begin to understand themselves and then identify a team of caring adults who will support their journey. A primary rite of passage for all youth is graduating from high school. The beginning of adulthood is celebrated at this time with an expectation that youth will develop an increasing independence and autonomy and move on to further education, meaningful jobs, finding their own places to live, and their own friends, companions, and life in the community.

These are tough, but exciting times! As a parent, you have survived many stages of your child's life...the terrible twos, beginning school, those wonderful early adolescent years. You have watched your child's development often with pride and sometimes with frustration.

Graduation from high school is fast approaching, whether you are ready or not! This is where transition comes in. You have experienced many transitions, or changes, in your child's life. As a parent, your advice is invaluable! You have a perspective that no one else can offer. The teachers will have valuable information to share with you, but you have a perspective that no one else can offer. This guide will help you prepare your child for transition planning as he or she enters middle school or high school.

The Transition Plan: What the Law Says

Tennessee and federal law says that all students who receive special education services must have transition planning included in their IEP (Individualized Education Plan) beginning at age 14 (or younger if appropriate). The IEP must list the student's transition needs and a plan for "instruction and services" to meet those needs. The IEP / Transition Plan must be updated once a year. Here's what the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) says about transition planning:

Each child with a disability must have included in their IEP:

- Beginning at age 14 (or younger if appropriate), and updated annually a statement of the student's transition service needs that includes the child's courses of study (such as taking part in advanced placement courses, a vocational education program, etc)
- Beginning at age 16 (or younger if appropriate) a statement of needed transition services for the child, including, when appropriate, a statement of the interagency responsibilities or any needed linkages
- Beginning at least 1 year before the child reaches age 18 a statement that the child has been informed of his or her rights under IDEA, if any, that will transfer to the child on reaching age 18

IDEA 2004 at Section 602(34) defines transition services as a coordinated set of activities for a child with a disability that:

- Is designed to be within a results-oriented process, that is focused on improving the academic and functional achievement of the child with a disability to facilitate the child's movement from school to post-school activities, including post-secondary education, vocational education, integrated employment (including supported employment, continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living or community participation)

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Museums and Art Galleries			
Agency	Web Address	Address	Phone
National Civil Rights Museum	www.civilrightsmuseum.org	450 Mulberry Street Memphis, TN 38103	(901) 521-9699 Fax: (901) 521-9740
Peabody Place Museum	www.belz.com	119 South Main Street Memphis, TN 38103	(901) 523-2787
Pink Place Museum	www.memphis museums.org	3050 Central Avenue Memphis, TN 38111	(901) 320-6320
Sharpe Planetarium	www.memphis museums.org	3050 Central Avenue Memphis, TN 38111	(901) 320-6320
The Children's Museum	www.cmm.com	2525 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 158-2678 Fax: 901-498-4033
Self Advocacy			
Agency	Services Provided	Contact/Address	Phone
STEP INC. (Support Training for Exceptional Parents)	Information on STEP's transition and training for parents and students	Matria Lopez 2157 Madison Avenue Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 726-4334 Fax (901) 272-5002
Just Care Family Network jericapillips@shelbycountytn.gov	Provides a coordinated system of care and support for youth and families dealing with mental health issues. Includes family counseling, support and outreach, mental health information and education, wrap around facilitation and community support.	1750 Madison Avenue, Ste. 501 Memphis, TN 38105	(901) 222-4500 (901) 222-4501
Disability Rights Center of TN gnab@dladn.org	Advocates for the rights of Tennesseans with disabilities to ensure they have an equal opportunity to be productive and respected members of our society.	Gina Brady 2963 Union Avenue Ext. Suite 201, Memphis, TN 38112	(901) 458-6013 ext 214 Fax (901) 458-7819
ADAPT of Tennessee Josee.adapt@aionn.com	Is part of a national grassroots community that organizes disability rights activists to engage in a non-violent direct action to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom.	1633 Madison Memphis, TN 38105	(901) 726-6404 EXT 114
Mid South Access Center for Technology act@memphis.edu	Services are provided by experts in the fields of rehabilitation assistive technology and speech language pathology. The Mid South Access Center for Technology provides resources to learn to individuals with disabilities and to teachers in the greater Memphis area. Teachers should contact Mid South ACT staff for tips and strategies to help when differentiating instruction for individuals with disabilities in inclusive learning environments.	Lavonne Perry Claydon 530 Patterson Street 119 Patterson Hall Memphis, TN 38152	(901) 678-1489
Shelby County Health Department	Information is provided from various health related topics, air quality, and general health information.	Larry Smith 814 Jefferson Memphis, TN 38105	(901) 222-9575
TNCSA (Tennessee Community Services Agency)	Learn how to apply for services such as screenings for food stamps, aetna benefits, TANF, Medicaid, Habitat for Humanity programs, Safe Link wireless, prescription programs, WIC, and some health insurance programs.	Allison Linnevers PO Box 1985 Cordova, TN 38088	(901) 588-6943 Fax (901) 410-0798

- Is based on the individual child's needs, taking into account the child's strengths, preferences and interests
- Includes instruction, related services, community experiences, the development of employment and other post-school adult living objectives, and when appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation

How can you help your elementary child to prepare for the high school transition process?

- Involve your child. Your child has specific ideas for his future. Take the time to listen to these ideas
- Set realistic goals. Take your child's ideas, abilities and interests into consideration. Help him/her set goals that are realistic
- Encourage independence. Move your child to more independent situations. This includes self-care, independent travel, money management, and decision making
- Gather information about services that are available to your child. Place your child's name on any appropriate waiting lists. Gather information about guardianship and conservatorship, when needed
- Build self-esteem. Have confidence in your child. Expect him/her to achieve with appropriate supports. Your confidence will send a positive message to your child
- Encourage friendships with peers. Place your child in activities where he/she will spend time with youth that can be friends
- Provide real experiences. Persons with disabilities need experiences in the community. Provide the opportunity for your child to participate in activities such as recreation, church, and youth organizations
- Encourage good grooming and good work habits
- Encourage the child to learn to accept criticism. In order to function as an adult, youth need to accept criticism with grace.

Listen to Your Child's Ideas, Goals and Dreams

- Focus on their interests and abilities rather than disabilities. Encourage and help them explore their dreams and ideas, even if yours are different.

Help your Child Learn the Skills that He or She will Need as an Adult

- Find ways for your child to be independent from a young age. Have them practice self-help skills, and give him or her tasks around the house
- Allow them to make choices and learn to make wise decisions
- Teach them to be an advocate for themselves
- Assist them in developing and practicing social and communication skills needed for work, school, recreation, and friendships
- Encourage them to become part of the community. Look into after-school and recreational activities, chances to volunteer, and job options.
- Work on IEP goals and objectives at home.

Make the most of the IEP Process

- Begin planning early — at least by age 14
- Encourage your child to be a part of the planning process as much as possible. Make sure he or she is part of team meetings and has the opportunity to provide input. Ask your child's teacher about IEP planning tools that assess interests, aptitudes, learning styles, etc. and provides opportunities for career exploration

Be Prepared for IEP Meetings

- You can bring others to your child's IEP meeting (relative, friend, advocate, service provider). They can give moral support, help gather and share information and viewpoints, and even take notes. Talk with the special education supervisor or your child's teacher about who you would like to invite
- Write down questions and ideas you have, both before and during the meeting. Have a person explain anything that is not clear to you. Get answers to all your questions before the meeting ends or get a date when someone will with get back to you
- Think about the goals and objectives in the IEP / transition plan. Will they prepare your child for adult life, such as living and working in the community? Do not feel pressured to make decisions on the spot
- Before you leave the meeting, make sure you know what will happen next, such as when you will get the finalized IEP and who the contact person is

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Performing Arts			
Agency	Web Address	Address	Phone
Ballet Memphis School	www.balletmemphis.org	7950 Tinty Rd. Memphis, TN 38018	(901) 737-7322 Fax: (901) 737-7037
Circuit Playhouse	www.circuitplayhouseonthesquare.org	51 Cooper St. Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 726-4656
Memphis Symphony Orchestra	www.memphissymphony.org	585 S. Mendenhall Memphis, TN 38117	(901) 537-2825 (Youth Program) (901) 537-2550 Fax: (901) 324-3698
Opera Memphis	www.operamemphis.org	6745 Wolf River Greenway Memphis, TN 38120	(901) 257-3100
Orpheum Theater	www.orpheum.com	203 South Main Memphis, TN 38103	(901) 525-3000/(901) 525-7800 Fax: (901) 525-0829
Playhouse on the Square	www.playhouseonthesquare.org	66 S. Cooper St. Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 725-0776 Fax: (901) 272-2309
Theatre Memphis	www.theatrememphis.org	630 Perkins Ex'd., Memphis, TN 38117	(901) 882-8601 Fax: (901) 763-4096
Museums and Art Galleries			
Chucalissa Archaeological Museum and Reconstructed Indian Village	www.cas.memphis.edu	1987 Indian Village Drive, Memphis, TN 38109	(901) 785-3160 Fax: (901) 785-0519
Memphis Brooks Museum of Art Overton Park	www.brooksmuseum.org	1934 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 544-6200 Fax: (901) 725-4071
Memphis College of Art	www.mca.edu	1930 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 726-4085
Mississippi River Museum	www.mrdisland.com	125 North Front Street, Memphis, TN 38108	1-800-507-6507/(901) 576-7241 Fax: (901) 576-6666
Stax Museum of American Soul Music	www.soulsvillageusa.com	326 East McLemore Avenue, Memphis, TN 38106	(901) 942-7885
The Dixon Gallery & Gardens	www.dixon.org	4339 Park Avenue Memphis, TN 38117	(901) 761-5250 Fax: (901) 682-0943
Coon Creek Science Center	www.memphis museums.org	McNairy County, TN	(901) 320-6320
IMAX	www.memphis museums.org	3050 Cental Avenue Memphis, TN 38111	(901) 320-6320
Lichterhan Nature Center	www.memphis museums.org	5992 Quince Road Memphis, TN 38119	(901) 767-7322
Magevney House	www.memphis museums.org	198 Adams Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103	(901) 526-4464 Fax: (901) 577-2660
Mallory-Neely House	www.memphis museums.org	652 Adams Avenue, Memphis, TN 38105	(901) 523-1484 Fax: (901) 526-8666
Memphis Rock 'N' Soul Museum	www.memphisrockn soul.org	191 Beale St. Memphis, TN 38103	(901) 543-0800 Fax: (901) 205-2535

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Literacy Council

Agency	Web Address	Address	Phone
Memphis Literacy Council	www.memphisliteracycouncil.org	66 S. Cooper Street, Ste. 400 Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 327-6000

Recreation, Social and Leisure

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis Programs - Leadership and Character Development, Education and Career Development and Camp Phoenix	www.bgcm.org	Memphis, TN	
Additional Phone Numbers		44 S. Peabody 38104	(901) 278-2947
1910 Sycamore View Rd, 38134	(901) 388-2087	903 Walker 38106	(901) 744-3073
620 S. Lauderdale, 38126	(901) 946-9222	894 Isabelle 38122	(901) 324-5763
1100 Volentine Ave., 38107	(901) 527-7984	4299 Ross Road, 38141	(901) 542-9604
		3910 Fordlawn Rd, 38118	(901) 249-5724

The Exceptional Foundation
A non-profit organization which strives to meet the social and recreational needs of the exceptional population.
www.exceptionalfoundation.org

Martha's Manor

Day activities center for women diagnosed mentally retarded.
Age Group: Female 22 and up
www.marthasmanor.org

Memphis Park Commission

www.ci.memphis.tn.us
There are 230 parks, 25 golf courses, 10 public, 15 private, 17 public swimming pools, 26 community centers, and 14 country clubs in the City of Memphis. Information about these facilities can be found by going to the City of Memphis web site.

Memphis Shelby County Public Library There are 23 branches/locations through the city and county
www.memphislib.tn.us
Go to This Month for current workshop information.
Fax: LINC 323-7206

Raymond Skinner Center: Swimming pool, sport activities, day program and after school camps.
Memphis Park Commission
712 Tanglewood,
Memphis, TN 38104
(901) 272-2828

The Memphis Zoo

www.memphiszoo.org
2000 Prentiss Place
Memphis, TN 38112
Fax: (901) 725-9305

TN Special Olympics
www.specialolympics-mem.org
1365 Lymfield Road, Ste 273
Memphis, TN 38119
(901) 683-1271

YMCA of Memphis and the Mid-South
<http://www.ymcamemphis.org>
6373 Quail Hollow, Suite 201,
Memphis, TN 38120
901-766-7677
Fax: 901-766-7687

YWCA of Greater Memphis
<http://www.ywcamemphis.org>
766 South Highland
Memphis, TN 38111
(901) 323-2211
Fax: (901) 458-3734

Cordova Bowling Center
We provide services to align AP's and ALE's and sign evidence sheets for portfolio assessments. We have special bowling prices for those with special needs everyday and anytime.
7945 Club Center Cove
Cordova, TN 38016
(901) 754-4275
Fax (901) 754-9267

Friends of Faith

Provides a day of Art Work, music, crafts and painting for those with special needs
Bill Cooper
4210 Altona Road
Bartlett, 38135
(901) 438-6924

Memphis Capernaum Young Life
memphiscapernaum.younglife.org
High School outreach ministry (14-22 years) to students with varying disabilities
Susan Greene
656 Colonial Rd, 38117
(901) 674-6881
Fax (901) 820-0765

The Role of the Parent

During Your child's transition years, you might have to play many roles, including these:

Become an Active IEP Team Member

At IEP time you will receive a notice of your child's IEP meeting. Below are things you should do before and during the IEP meeting:

- Attend all IEP meetings
- Think about questions to ask the teachers and school staff
- Ask about graduation requirements/options for a high school diploma or Special Education diploma.
- Encourage your child to attend and participate in the IEP meeting. Read and know what the Law says about transition
- Ask questions if you do not understand any part of the IEP meeting. Share what You Know About Your Child

You can share important information about your child's personal traits, interests, likes and dislikes. Be clear about your child's abilities at IEP meetings and transition planning meetings.

Be a Role Model

Let your child know that he or she can become as independent as possible. Give your child chores around the home, and focus on good grooming, physical fitness, and good social and communication skills.

Be a Case Manager

You will need to make sure that the goals of the transition plan are fully met. This can be hard if your child's need for service continues after his or her school years. It's likely you will have to work with many different people and agencies to get the adult services and supports your son or daughter needs.

Encourage Job and Career Exploration at School and at Home

You and your child's teachers need to talk with the student about the many career choices, and the rewards of work. Talk to your son or daughter about your own job and other jobs and careers, and have him or her explore hobbies which use skills and tools related to his or her job interests. Find out about School-to-Career, summer jobs, and other programs in your school and community.

Work for More and Better Supports

You and Your child must keep working with service providers, employers, and policy makers to create more choices for students with special needs.

Let Your Son or Daughter take Risks

You might have mixed feelings about your son or daughter becoming more independent. You might know that letting go is the best thing, but it can be hard to let your student takes the risks that go with independence. It helps to stay focused on your child's abilities.

Be a Financial Planner

Often when young people with disabilities work or get money from others, this can change their cash payments from programs like SSI. Talk to professionals about how your son or daughter's job, savings, and things like trusts and inheritance might affect this, and make plans for it.

Become Involved in Your Child's School

One of the most important things a parent can do is get to know the school staff, both, the regular and special education staff. Find out about all school services, including regular education and after-school activities (such as sports and clubs). Get to know the people involved in the activities that interest your child. Join the Parent-Teacher Organization (SEPTA), the Special Education Local Advisory Committee (LAC), or the School Improvement Team. Share ideas with other parents about creating and getting access to inclusive programs and activities.

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Interpreting Services

Agency	Services Provided	Address	Phone
DeafConnect		144 North Bellevue Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 278-9307 Fax: (901) 278-9301 Video Phone (901) 620-6062
Tennessee Relay Services	having a TTY/TDD		Tennessee Relay Services having a TTY/TDD In Tennessee dial 711 TTY/PC Users 800-948-0299 Voice Users 800-948-0299
<i>Local hospitals - If interpreting service or a TTY/TDD is needed please inform the hospital staff.</i>			
			Espanol - 866-503-0263 Speech-to-Speech 866-503-0264 900 Access - 900-476-2727 (TTY) Customer Service - 866-503-0262 (Voice, TTY, ASCLL, STS)

Vision Services

Clovernook Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired To promote independence and foster the highest quality of life for people with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities. www.clovernook.org	2693 Union Est. Ste. 101 Memphis, TN 38112	(901) 523-9590
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Transportation

MATA Plus www.mataplus.com	1370 Levee Road Memphis, TN 38103	Schedule information: 901-722-7171
Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) www.matatransit.com	1370 Levee Road Memphis, TN 38103	Schedule information: 274-6292, Option zero (0)
United Access	<i>Stair lifts for home and vehicle modifications</i>	Justin Seay 2165 Hillshire Circle Memphis, TN 38139 (901) 888-1010 Fax (901) 888-1009

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Living Options

Agency	Services Provided	Address	Phone
Omnivisions srogers@omnivisions.com	Residential support provided in two different models: supported living model and family model. Day services provided: community based services, educational, leisure, hobbies, volunteerism, work exploration, and employment based day services. Health care and transportation provided for all services.	Stephanie Rogers 6570 Sledge Road Suite 120 Bartlett, TN 38134	(901) 371-0030 ext 1751 (901)371-0938
Meritan harryguncoor@meritan.org	Provides an array of services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities including: Adult foster care, home and community based services, private duty nursing, physical therapy, medical, residential services. All of these services are made possible through state funding.	Harry Guncoor 4700 Poplar Memphis, TN 38117	(901) 766-0656 Fax (901) 766 0165
Freedom Co-op	Personal assistance, community based and respite care for individuals on the statewide waiver.	Suzanne Colsey 1633 Madison Avenue Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 603 5864
Where the Heart Is, Inc.	Provides private duty nursing, home health (RN, PT, OT) and CHOICES (Medicaid waiver) services specifically oriented to pediatric and geriatric populations in Shelby, Tipton, and Fayette Counties.	Lisa Elam 1679 N. Shelby Oaks, Ste. 7 Memphis, TN 38134	(901) 867-1556 Fax (901) 867-1522
United Seating and Mobility cbaker@unitedseating.com	Provision of adaptive rehabilitation devices such as walkers, custom wheelchairs, standers, etc. for people with disabilities to promote greater independence and to enable people to perform tasks with less difficulty.	Cathie Baker 1687 Shelby Oaks #9 Memphis, TN 38134	(901) 379-0096 ext. 3372 (901) 379-0018
Quality Support Coordination of Tennessee gjsich@comcast.net	Independent support coordinators assist families in finding residential or personal assistance providers. They also create an individualized plan of care so that services are person centered to their needs.	Lisa Espinoza 2322 Ascott Place Cordova, TN 38016	(901) 531-7350 Fax (901) 531-7382

Start Planning Now for Adult Services and Supports

Learn about the different programs and services that are available for your child now and when he or she gets older which will help them be independent and be part of the community? Figure out what supports your child now gets that will need to be continued in the future. Find out what agencies can provide these supports.

Begin financial planning for your child's adult life. At age 17, look into applying for SSI (Supplemental Security Income). Find out about Ticket to Work plans and other Social Security programs. Find out about how adult services will be paid for. Think about estate planning and guardianship issues.

Keep Good Records

Keep copies of all IEP's, evaluations, assessments, tests and reports as the student transitions into middle school and high school. Write down notes on each meeting and phone conversation, with the name of contact person and date. Keep a copy of all letters between you and agencies. Keep everything organized in file folders or three-ring notebooks. Keep records of any on-the-job training reports or other work experiences the student has had. Get letters of recommendation from the employer, teachers, or job coaches.

Become an Advocate

Get to know the laws covering education and disability issues like the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Rehabilitation Act, Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Also get to know your decision-makers and law-makers.

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Agency	Services Provided	Address	Phone
Tennessee Rural Development (USDA) Rural Development efforts in providing affordable, quality housing are the responsibility of the Housing Programs. Home ownership has always been an important "American Dream", but for many rural residents this dream has not been realized due to economic conditions and a lack of affordable financing. The Housing Program is working daily to change this fact.		3322 West End Building 3322 West End Ave. #300 Nashville, TN 37203	(615) 783-1300
Memphis Center for Independent Living Center: The Memphis Center For Independent Living is a community based non-profit organization dedicated to integrating people with disabilities into community life.	www.mcll.org	1633 Madison Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 726-6404
Community Service Agency	Assistance with utilities (MLGW payments), Austin Peay & Shelby Dr. locations), rent and mortgage assistance (Ayers location Eligibility Guidelines: low income household.	2670 Union Extended, Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38112	(901) 222-4200
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis Eligibility Guidelines:	Families Services Provided: Permanent housing.	7136 Winchester Rd., Memphis, TN 38125	(901) 761-4771
Brenda Richardson Memorial Care Homes Todd-birmch@belsouth.net	A supportive living provider and offers community based day services	Valerie Todd P.O. Box 97 5100 Stage Road Suite 2 Bartlett, TN 38134	(901) 388-3545 Fax: (901) 388-3423
The Baddour Center mperkins@baddour.org	A residential community for adults with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. They provide work complexes, physical fitness, recreational activities, spiritual growth, computer lab and partnering with our local community college offering continuing education.	Meissa Perkins P.O. Box 97 Senatobia, MS	(662) 562-0638
St. John's Community Services kcotter@sjcs.org	Provides community living services for individuals to live in their own apartments or homes alone or with one or two roommates. Staffing is provided according to individual need. SJCS also provides community participation services that are "without walls", providing opportunities for people to volunteer and be involved in their communities.	Katie Cotter 7891 Stage Hills Blvd. Bartlett, TN 38133	(901) 312-6074 (901) 385-9450

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Post-Secondary Training Options

Agency	Services Provided	Address	Phone
Christian Brothers University	Offers undergraduate and graduate degrees	650 East Parkway Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 321-3000
LeMoyné-Owen College www.loc.edu	Offers undergraduate and graduate degrees.	807 Walker Ave. Memphis, TN 38126	(901) 435-1500
Shelby County Schools: Adult Education	Adult literacy, adult basic education classes and general education development	Messick Adult Center 703 South Greer Memphis, TN 38111	(901) 416-4840
Career and Technology Centers	Vocational and technical classes	Southwest: 3746 Horn Lake Memphis, TN 38109 Trezevant: 3224 Range Line Memphis, TN 38127	(901) 416-8186 (901) 416-3800

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Memphis Housing Authority www.memphishta.org	Provided: Housing, search and information, subsidized housing, Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, homeownership program and home and home grant program administered in Nashville office.	700 Adams Avenue, Memphis, TN 38105	(901) 544-1100 TDD: (901) 544-1130
Neighborhood Housing Opportunities Eligibility Guidelines:	Employed/individuals who are working toward a home purchase.	1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 729-2934
Open Arms Care Corporation	Day programs and residential living	5120 Yale Road Memphis, TN 38134	(901) 371-9774
RHA Community Homes, Inc.	Residential services (employment and vocational) to individuals coming out of state development centers	5050 Poplar Avenue, Suite 710, Memphis, TN 38157	(901) 767-1455
Seek for the Old Path Shelter Eligibility Guidelines:	Emergency housing and transitional housing (30-90 days)	1022 PeabodyAve. Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 244-7812
Shelby Residential & Vocational Services www.srvs.org	Family support, residential services, adult activity center, and community participation. Disability Group: DD, ID	3971 Knight Arnold Road Memphis, TN 38118	Admissions (901) 869-7787
Memphis Center for Independent Living Center:	The Memphis Center For Independent Living is a community based non-profit organization dedicated to integrating people with disabilities into community life.	1633 Madison Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 726-6404

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The information that can be used to assist in developing agency linkages for students. Please call or visit agency web sites for additional information.

Employment and Training

Agency	Services/Training	Address	Phone
Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov	Employment support programs Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program; Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS)	1330 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, TN (866) 336-2212/TTY: (901) 544-0052 3602 Auslin Peay Hwy, Memphis, TN (855) 855-420-8557/TTY: (901) 373-8695 3461 South Third Street, Memphis, TN (855) 792-9155/TTY: (901) 786-9348	Employment Support Programs: 1-800-254-9489 General information: 1-800-772-1213 TDD: 1-800-325-0778
Division of Rehabilitation Services www.tn.us/humanserv/DRS	Age Group: 16 and up Disability Groups: All	40 S. Main, Memphis, TN 38103	(901) 529-5294 Option 1
West Tennessee Regional Office Department Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities www.state.tn.us/mental	Adult day training, vocational programs, supported employment, community participation, early intervention services for preschoolers, residential and supported living services, and family support services.	Division of Intellectual Disabilities Services 11437 Milton Wilson Rd. Arlington, TN 38002	Intake Referral (866) 372-5709 Case Management Information (901) 745-7200
Division of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services www.state.tn.us/mental	Age Group: All Crisis Assessment Do not cater to minors	951 Court Ave. Memphis, TN 38104	(859) 274-7471
Arc of the Mid South www.arcmidsouth.net	Age Group: Disability Group: All Community services, career development & job placement, and family services	3485 Poplar, Suite 210 Memphis, TN 38111-4633	(901) 327-2473
Easter Seals www.eastersealsin.com	Easter Seals provides services to children and adults with disabilities and other special needs, and support to their families. Job training & employment, adult day services, camping & recreation, medical rehabilitation and inclusive child care.	750 Old Hickory Blvd. Ste. 280 Building 2 Brentwood, TN 37027 West TN Office Easter Seals Adult Services 777-K West Church St. Lexington, TN 38351	(615) 292-6640
Workforce Investment Network http://workforceinvestmentnet-work.com	Ask to speak with the Disability Program Navigator when applying for services.	480 Beale St. - Memphis, TN 38103	(901) 636-7955
Age Groups: Youth ages 14-21 Adult 18 and up	WIA Program (Youth): Provides area youth with year round training opportunities that are directly linked to academic and occupational learning. Adult Programs: Job search and work force solutions.	3040 Walnut Grove Road Memphis, TN 38111 4240 Hickory Hill Road, Memphis, TN 38141	(901) 543-7850 (901) 365-3205

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Agency	Services/Training	Address	Phone
Lowenstein House, Inc.	Lowenstein House was designed to help individuals diagnosed with mental illness achieve independence and self-sufficiency through counseling, skills training, job placement, housing assistance, emotional support and guidance.	821 South Barksdale Memphis, TN 38114	(901) 274-5466
www.orgsiles.com/tn/lowenstein-house			
Shelby Residential & Vocational Services	Vocational evaluation, training, job placement, sheltered workshops, adult activity center, and community participation	3971 Knight Arnold Road Memphis, TN 38118	(901) 889-7787
www.srvs.org			
Disability Group: DD, ID			
LiveItUp, Inc.	Adult care, enrichment, day services, respite services; home siter services	3239 Playars Club Parkway Memphis, TN 38125	(901) 761-4277
www.liveitup.com			
Vanderbilt Kennedy Center/ Tennessee Family Pathfinder:	The Tennessee Disability Information and Referral Service is a free, statewide, information and referral service for persons with disabilities, family members, and service providers. The scope of information includes all disabilities and individuals of all ages. Service is provided in English and Spanish.	Paabody Box 40 230 Appleton Place Nashville, TN 37203	(615) 322-8240 (800) 640-4636 Helpline
www.familypathfinder.org			
For disability events calendar			
www.kc.vanderbilt.edu/pathfinder			
The University of Tennessee Bowling Center for Developmental Disabilities	The Bowling Center for Developmental Disabilities (BCDD) is an interdisciplinary program that supports children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families through training, service, applied research, information dissemination, planning, and policy development.	711 Jefferson Avenue Memphis, TN 38105	Phone: 901-448-6511 Toll-free: 888-572-2249 TDD: 901-448-4677 Fax: 901-448-3844
Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities	A free leadership program for persons with disabilities and family members of persons with disabilities.	500 James Robertson Pkwy Day Crockett tower 1st floor Nashville, TN 37243	(615) 532-6615
Partner in Policy Making		inddc@in.gov	(615) 532-6556
Support Solutions of Tennessee	Support Solutions offers supported living, personal assistance, behavioral respite, community-based day services, supported employment, dual diagnosis specialization, psychological services, behavior analysis services, and nursing services to any eligible waiver enrollees and other individuals with disabilities.	5909 Shelby Oaks Drive Suite 100 Memphis, TN 38134	(901) 383-9193
		http://supportolutions.com	
Tennessee Department of Health Children's Special Services	Children's Special Services (CSS) provides services to eligible children with special health care needs	814 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis, TN 38105	(901)222-9960
TENNderCARE Connection	If your child is under 21 and has TennCare, they should have a free, yearly health check-up. They can also get other health services through the TENNderCARE program. Together, the doctors and the PCP can treat all of your child's health needs		1-800-342-3145
www.tennessee.gov/tenncare/tenndercare			
Tennessee School For the Blind (TSB)	TSB is a Tennessee Department of Education state school located in Middle Tennessee (TN). The school for the blind serves K-12 students and the blind and visually impaired community all across the state.	TN School for the Blind 115 Stewarts Ferry Pike Nashville, TN 37214	615-231-7300
www.tsb.org			

Community Resources and Transition Information

Employment and Training

Agency	Services/Training	Address	Phone
The West Tennessee School the Deaf (WTSd)	The curriculum at WTSd is designed to meet the individual needs of our students by emphasizing language development, speech, and listening skills.	100 Berryhill Drive Jackson, Tennessee 38301	(731) 423-5705 Fax: (731) 423-6470
Memphis Goodwill	Prepares individuals with disabilities for the workforce through job readiness and skills training. They offer work adjustment, warehouse, janitorial, customer service classes for Vocational Rehabilitation clients.	Beth Erb 6995 Stage road Memphis, TN 38133	(901) 323-6221 ext 119 Fax (901) 323-0751
University of Tennessee Center for Literacy, Education and Employment	Provides training and technical assistance in delivering a self-determination and career planning curriculum to school systems that are integrated in empowering students at the point of transition from school to adult life.	Melvin Jackson 711 Jefferson Avenue Room E209 Memphis TN 38105	(901) 448-1783
Ross Innovative Employment Solutions	An employment training program dedicated to serving older youth ages 18-21. They provide work readiness workshops and employment opportunities.	Mairone Jones 1472 Mississippi Blvd Memphis, TN 38106	1-866-240-4150
myphones@rossprov.com			
The University of Memphis Institute on Disability	Transition programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities	Maurice Williams 100 Bell Hall Memphis, TN 38152	(901) 901 678-4303 Fax (901) 678-0748
mwill@memphis.edu			
Post-Secondary Training Options			
Memphis College of Art	Offers undergraduate degrees.	1930 Poplar Ave Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 272-5151
www.mca.edu			
Northwest Mississippi Community College	Offers technical and associate degrees.	5197 W. E. Ross Parkway Southaven, MS 38671	(662) 342-1570
Rhodes College	Disability Services for Students:	2000 N. Parkway Memphis, TN 38112	(901) 843-3000
www.Rhodes.edu			
Southwest Tennessee Community College	Offers technical and associate degrees.	737 Union Ave Memphis, TN 38103	(901) 333-5000
www.southwest.tn.edu			
Tennessee Technology Center at Memphis	Offers technical certifications.	550 Alabama Ave. Memphis, TN 38105	(901) 543-6100
www.memphis.tec.tn.us			
The University of Memphis	Offers undergraduate and graduate degrees. Office of Disability Services for Students:	3675 Alumni Ave. Memphis, TN 38152	(901) 678-2000
www.memphis.edu			
University of Tennessee Health Science Center	Offers undergraduate and graduate degrees.	800 Madison Memphis, TN 38163	(901) 448-5500
William R. Moore College of Technology	Offers technical certifications.	1200 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38104	(901) 726-1977
Gallaudet University	Offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing students	800 Florida Ave NE Washington, DC 20002	TTY/Voice: (800) 995-0550 Videophone: (202) 550-2474
Rochester Institute of Technology	Offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs for deaf, hard of hearing students	One Lamb Memorial Drive Rochester, NY 14623-5603	(585) 475-2411