Agencies that serve adults with disabilities may be able to help you plan for your child’s future.

**Important Considerations:**

- Your graduate will need a social security card and a state identification card or driver’s license for work and registration with most agencies.

- Most agencies have waiting lists and should be contacted as early as possible.

- You should keep your request for services active and up-to-date by contacting the agencies periodically.

For further information about the

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An urgent message to parents of children with special needs
You’ve probably been thinking about your child’s future since he or she was born, but now planning is crucial!

**Points to keep in mind**

When your child graduates or becomes age 21, special education services to which you have become accustomed will cease.

Adult Support Agencies may help with work, training, further schooling and living options.

You and your child’s school district should begin contacting Adult Support Agencies when your child is in the early teens.

Each school district has a transition coordinator who is available to answer your questions and direct you to appropriate Adult Support Agencies. Call your local school district.

**Things to do now**

Participate in developing each IEP (Individual Education Plan)

- Share your ideas about your child’s strengths and needs.
- Focus on skills your child will need after graduation.
- Help determine your child’s expected date of graduation.

Get in touch now with agencies that can advise you about adult services. They can explain procedures and options available to you and your child.

**Adult Support Agencies**

**Initial Contact:**
- Abilities in Motion (AIM) 610-376-0010  www.abilitiesinmotion.org
- Berks County CareerLink 610-988-1300  www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us
- Berks County Children and Youth Services 610-478-6700  www.co.berks.pa.us
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation 610-916-2316  www.dli.state.pa.us
- Service Access and Management, (SAM, Inc.) 610-236-0530
- Social Security Administration 610-320-5235  www.ssa.gov

**Advocacy Groups:**
- Autism Society of Berks County 610-736-3739  www.autismsocietyofberks.org
- Berks County Association for the Blind 610-375-8407
- Berks County Learning Disabilities Association 610-988-8457  www.bclda.org
- Mental Health Association of Reading and Berks County 610-775-3000
- Berks County Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services 610-685-4520  TTY - 610-685-4525
- Parent Education Network 1-800-522-5827  www.parentednet.org
- ARC of Berks County 610-603-0227

**Adult Agencies:**
- AHEDD, Inc. 610-375-7692  www.ahedd.org
- Goodwill Employment Services-School to Work 610-777-7877  www.yourgoodwill.org
- Threshold/Berks Personnel Network 610-288-1448  www.trsinc.org
- Community Skills Program 610-376-3390