
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.

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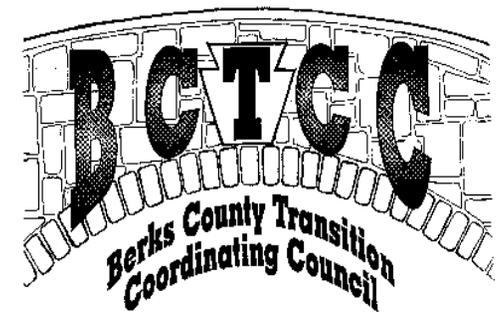
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**An urgent message
to parents of
children with
special needs**



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

Prospectus/Berco Associates, Inc. 610-372-4637
www.proberco.org

Threshold/Berks Personnel Network
610-288-1448 www.trsinco.org

Community Skills Program 610-376-3390