Stepping Stones Towards The Future: Transition Planning

“Providing access to services for persons with developmental disabilities, and coordinate with affiliate agencies and other providers.”

“Today’s decisions impact tomorrow’s future”
Transition
Transition is the process of moving from being a high school student to an adult member of your community.

Transition Planning
Transition planning takes place during the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process. This is the time that your child's future plans are discussed. These include but not limited to: independent living options, continuing school and finding a job. It is the time to make sure the IEP team is aware of the wants and needs of the student’s future.

Step 1: Age 5 +
- Complete an application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and a Child Disability Report: for help call 1-800-772-1213
- Apply for Medicaid at the DCF office or online at: http://www.kancare.ks.gov/consumers/apply-for-kancare
- Request an application from the CDDO to determine eligibility for your child to be put on the state waiting list for House and Community Based Services.

Step 2: Age 14-21
- School transition services will be discussed at IEP meetings.
- Brainstorm and prepare a plan for adult living and employment options.

Step 3: Age 16
- Have a Social Security Card available
- Have a Kansas ID or Driver’s License available

Step 4: Age 15-17
- Explore the need for Guardianship, Conservatorship, Durable Power of Attorney, or a Representative Payee once your child turns 18.
- Explore the option of a Special Needs Trust Fund: http://arcare.org/
- Discuss I/DD waiver funding options and review status of state waiting list.
- Check alternative choices while waiting for the I/DD waiver funding:
  * Vocational Rehabilitation
  * Communityworks Inc.

Step 5: Age 18
- Reapply for Supplemental Security Income as an adult
- Reapply for Medicaid as an adult

Step 6: 18 +
- Check status of state waiting list
- Request choice forms from CDDO

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Our application can be found on our CDDO webpage at: http://www.wycokck.org/HumanServices/Divisions.aspx

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