

Welcome to the DuPage County- Transition Planning Committee's Resource Guide

The purpose of this guide is to help students and their families with the process of transitioning from the public school system to adult services by providing information about resources in DuPage County that are available after high school. It was written by the DuPage County Transition Planning Committee, a group comprised of representatives from the local special education cooperatives, school districts, Department of Human Services-Division of Rehabilitation Services office (DHS-DRS), parents and adult service providers. Visit www.dhs.state.il.us

The process of finding and accessing adult services can be confusing and frustrating. A glance at this resource guide will reveal that there are many different agencies and groups, both public and private, providing a wide range of services. At the same time, some of the most critical services (residential and vocational programs, accessible housing, and affordable transportation) are in very short supply in DuPage County. The best advice we can give you is to be persistent. If you aren't able to get what you need from one service provider, keep looking and make your needs known to your elected representatives. You can find out who your local representatives are by visiting www.illinois.gov.

As available services are in a constant state of flux, this resource guide should be considered a starting point rather than a complete listing. Please rely on your school system and other families for additional information that they may be able to provide in addition to this guide. In the Appendix, you will find listings of parent organizations and various other resources that we hope you will find helpful.

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