

What to do and when to do it --for students with developmental disabilities

Timelines and Agency Connections

15-16	<p>Apply for a Washington State I.D. card.</p> <p>WHY: A photo ID will be needed to apply for many adult services. DMV.org</p>	
16	<p>Apply with Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)</p> <p>WHY: Case management, family support and other services to help your son or daughter maximize their independence. Long term supports for employment after age 21. Applying early helps ensure funding availability. 360-475-3490</p>	
17-17 ½	<p>Consider if guardianship is necessary and determine type of guardianship.</p> <p>WHY: At age 18 your son/daughter becomes a legal adult and may need support making legal, medical and vocational decisions. Consider alternatives to full guardianship. Contact the Parent Coalition Coordinator at 360-373-2502, ext. 100 for materials.</p>	<p>GUARDIANSHIP and alternatives</p>
17-19	<p>Apply for low income Housing at the Housing Authority</p> <p>WHY: The wait list for housing can be long, so it's important to apply early. Learn about housing choice vouchers and project based housing.</p>	
18	<p>If your child does not receive Social Security Benefits—apply now!</p> <p>WHY: He or she is now an adult and parent's income is not counted. He/she may be eligible for cash and medical benefits. WORK INCENTIVES are available that allow people with disabilities to keep benefits, including Medicare/Medicaid, while working. He or she needs to pay rent to the family in order to maximize all benefits.</p>	
18	<p>Ask your DDA case manager about Personal Care funding</p> <p>If your son or daughter needs help with bathing, grooming, dressing, laundry, etc. funding may be available for Personal Care. Support can be provided by either a family member or a contracted provider. Contact your DDA case manager and ask about the "Community First Choice" (CFC) Program . 360-475-3490.</p>	<p>Personal Care</p>
Senior year	<p>Fill out the Free Application for the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</p> <p>WHY: If seeking aid to attend college, this form must be filled out by March 1 of Senior year for best consideration. www.fafsa.ed.gov</p>	
18-20	<p>Apply for services with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)</p> <p>WHY: This agency helps people with disabilities get and keep a job, and understands how working affects benefits. Can apply when old enough to work. 360-698-4360.</p>	
20-21 Last year of school	<p>Apply to the Kitsap County School to Work Program</p> <p>WHY: Connects students during their last year of school with adult vocational agencies to ensure an effective transition to work and adult life. Must be DDA eligible and enrolled with DVR. Talk with your teacher, DDA case manager or contact 360-337-4622 for more information.</p>	
Anytime	<p>Apply for job search assistance with WorkSource Youth Services</p> <p>WHY: This is a local program that can help self-directed job seekers find part time and/or summer employment to help develop work skills.</p>	
Anytime	<p>Kitsap Transit Services</p> <p>WHY: Learning to ride the bus helps your son or daughter to be more independent. They offer flexible alternative public transportation for people with disabilities. Ask about travel training and reduced fares. 360-479-7272</p>	
Anytime	<p>Connect with The Kitsap County Parent Coalition</p> <p>WHY: Receive help from parents of individuals with disabilities to navigate systems, and connect with resources. 360-373-2502, ext. 100</p>	

