



**Ashtabula County Board of
Developmental Disabilities**

Transition from School to Adulthood

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Transition Services partners with individuals, their families, local educational entities, and other service providers in order to better plan for individual's transition from High School to Adult Services and provides guidance throughout the process.

A Transition Service and Support Administrator (SSA) is available to serve students age 14-22 who have been found eligible for services through the Ashtabula County Board of DD.

The Transition SSA may be able to help with the following:

Attend IEP meetings

Help develop a Transition Plan for life after high school

Provide information and referral to community resources

Help provide linkage to adult services.

Assist with coordinating with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)



Eligibility for services

In order to receive services from the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD), the person needing support must live in Ashtabula County and meet the eligibility criteria established by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Eligibility for 6-15

1. Verification of the presence of a qualifying disability; and
2. Implementation of the Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (COEDI) that verifies substantial limitation in at least 3 of 6 life areas

Eligibility for 16 Years and Older

1. Verification of the presence of a qualifying disability; and
2. Implementation of the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (OEDI) that verifies substantial limitations in at least 3 of the 7 life areas for youth and adults



Life Map

Birth to 5 – also referred to as “Early Childhood.”

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Transition is considered ages 14 through 22. Some people may leave school prior to age 22 to take part in typical adult activities such as work or post-secondary education.

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Retirement is the period of time after a person stops working but is still in good health and active with friends, family, and the community.

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School Age is considered ages 6 through 13.

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Adulthood is considered age 23 through the age at which a person retires. Depending on a person’s abilities, retirement may take place before or after the age of 65.

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Aging is when a person begins to require a higher level of ongoing care and starts to plan end-of-life decisions, often with the support of family members.

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Family Support Services

Family Support Services funds are designated for individuals (children and adults) living at home with their families, people who live on their own, or people who live in foster care. The use of FSS funds are to be directly related to improving the living environment and/or facilitating the care of the individual.

To participate in the Family Supports Program, you must first be eligible for services from Ashtabula County Board of DD.



Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)

Transition SSA can assist with coordinating with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). OOD offers a range of services to help students with disabilities 14+ prepare for post-secondary education and employment. OOD works together with students, families, schools/colleges, and community partners to provide services that promote successful transitions to careers and adult life.

Services may include:

- Job Exploration of a Variety of Workplace Settings
- Paid Work Experiences with Job Coaches
- Soft Skills for Work and Independence
- Self-Advocacy (request and accept support)
- Counseling on Educational and Training Options
- Connection to Ongoing Support Option



Family Support Services can assist with:

- Respite Care
- Adaptive Equipment
- Assistive Technology
- Home Modifications
- Special Diets
- Counseling, Training and Education
- Incontinence Products
- Camp Assistance



Residential Options

- What happens when you need help at home? Any time you determine that you have a need for help, no matter what that is, you can contact the Ashtabula County Board of DD to your needs. You and your Service and Support Administrator (SSA) can decide if there is a resource readily available that you can use which will provide the help you need. You may request and/or the SSA can recommend completing a Waiting List Assessment for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers.
- The Waiting List Assessment is a good opportunity for you to discuss what needs you have now or that you anticipate having within the next 12 months.
- If you are assessed to have a current, unmet need, the SSA will work with you to connect you to any alternative services available to meet your needs. If there are no alternative services available, then you may be placed on a Waiting List or enrolled on a HCBS Waivers.
- So, what does “alternative services” mean? Alternative services can be any programs, services, and supports, regardless of funding source, other than HCBS Waivers that exist as part of the developmental disabilities service system and other service systems. These include, but are not limited to, services offered through Ohio’s Medicaid State Plan such as Home Health Services, services in an intermediate care facility (ICF) for individuals with intellectual disabilities, or Family Support Services funded through the county board.

To request Transition Services the following needs to be submitted to ACBDD:

- Transition Services Referral Form – signed by parent/ guardian, or individual if over 18 and own guardian.
- Verification of the qualifying diagnosis will need to be obtained (Current within one year)
- Guardianship/ Custody documentation (if applicable)
- Verification of Date of Birth (Birth Certificate)
- Verification of Social Security Number (Social Security Card)
- Proof of Insurance (Insurance card/ Medicaid Card)
- Release of Information signed by the individual and/ or parent/ guardian
- Current Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Current Evaluation Team Report (ETR)



Thanks!

Any questions?

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