



Keller ISD

Guide to Transition Planning

A checklist and resource guide for
families of children with IEPs.

Parents,

Transition planning consists of curriculum, services, and supports for students with disabilities to help them move successfully through school to adult life. A very important part of this planning is identifying community programs and agencies that can provide some of these services and supports. There are a variety of organizations whose purpose is to provide assistance to people with disabilities and their families. We are providing information on some of these organizations in the attached information packet.

Many of these services can be accessed now and many have waiting lists. One of the most important programs to access is the **Texas Medicaid Waiver programs**. These waiver programs are available for children and adults with disabilities and provide an array of support services at home and in the community.

We suggest you call NOW to place your child on the waiting list. Eligibility will be determined when they get to the top of the list (some of the waiver program lists are 15-18 years).

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Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Christina Henninger ,
Transition/Employment Services Designee at 817-744-6336 .

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Keller ISD Transition Checklist Essentials

1. _____ Get your child on ALL the Medicaid Waiver lists (Long Term Supports)

In the future, will your student *possibly* need support to get a job, live independently, & access the community? Get on Medicaid Waiver Interest Waitlists (**15-18 year wait to get services—do this NOW!**)

- Call Community Living and Assistance Support Services ([CLASS](#)): **877-438-5658** (Be ready to provide student's social security number or Medicaid number, contact information, and diagnoses).
- Call Home and Community-based Services ([HCS](#)): **817-569-4140**

(For more specific information: <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/insurance-financial-help/texas-medicaid-waiver-programs-for-children-with-disabilities>)

2. _____ Sign your child up for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Call 1-800-772-1213.

Most people who have a developmental disability are eligible for SSI unless their financial resources exceed the maximum allowed. At age 18, a previously ineligible student may become eligible for SSI, as parent income is no longer a factor. To learn more about SSI go to: <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/>

***Once connected to MHMR, Stacey Nunnally Benefits Specialist can help with SSI application
817-569-5103**

3. _____ Need more help *now*? **Get connected with MHMR.** **Call iCare Line: 817-335-3022**

[Help Me Thrive](#) (ages 6-17) **844-689-8336** You will be connected to a service navigator to help you access community resources based on the child and family's needs.

[Help Me Grow](#) (ages 0-5) **844-689-5437** You will be connected to an experienced child development specialist who can provide education, resources and information on developmental screenings to meet the family's specific needs.

4. _____ For 14+ students, schedule an appointment with Texas Workforce Solutions - Vocational Rehabilitation Services: 817-548-5313 (Christy Parks)

Call and request an appointment to complete a full application for services. Texas Workforce prepares students for post-secondary education and employment opportunities through vocational counseling, work-based learning experiences, workplace training, and self-advocacy training. To learn more about Texas Workforce, go to:

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/jobseekers/vocational-rehabilitation-services>

5. _____ Feeling overwhelmed about the present and future and don't know where to start? Schedule a transition planning meeting with SpEd Parent Liaison and Transition & Employment Designee Christina.Henninger@kellerisd.net

6. _____ Learn more: Do some independent research on future planning in Texas!

<https://spedsupport.tea.texas.gov>

<https://www.txp2p.org> (Texas Parent to Parent)

<https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en>

7. _____ Get empowered: Start developing skills & strategies for the [Next Steps to Independence](#) at school & home!



Remember: Transition begins at diagnosis. Welcome to Team Transition.

Additional Topics:

Guardianship and Alternatives

- Tarrant County Probate Court #2 - **817-884-1415 – Judge Brooke Allen**
Contact Melissa Aliston at 817-212-7040
Email: probatecourt2@tarrantcountytx.gov
100 W. Weatherford St., Rm 150, Fort Worth, TX 76196
- Tarrant County Probate Court #1 - **817-884-1200 – Judge Patricia Burns**
Contact Joni Oliphant at 817-884-1786
e-mail: probatecourt1@tarrantcountytx.gov
100 W. Weatherford St., Fort Worth, TX 76196

<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/probate-courts/about-guardianship.html>

General Information - <http://www.txp2p.org/parents/PathwaysFAQ.html#ptaFAQguardianship>

Supported Decision-Making <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/family-support/supported-decision-making-and-power-of-attorney-for-young-adults-with-disabilities>

Local College/University Inclusive Higher Education Programs (programs for students with disabilities):

TCC Transitional Skills Programs www.tccd.edu/academics/lcl/transitional-skills

UNT's ELEVAR (Four-Year Postsecondary Program)

<https://elevar.unt.edu/index.html>

Individualized Skills and Socialization Programs (formerly Day-Habs)
List of Day Program/Training Center Programs- 2023 with details.docx

What is Day Habilitation? <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/transition-to-adulthood/day-habilitation-programs-for-young-adults-with-disabilities-and-special-health-care-needs>

Recreation and Leisure:

North Texas SNAP Inc. – Paula Baker **817-832-6683** paula@ntxsnap.org
www.ntxsnap.org

Snap & Clap - <https://www.snapandclap.com/>

UNT EPIC (Socialization Opportunities for individuals 18+)
<https://neurodiversity.unt.edu/epic.html>

Southlake Adaptive Recreation
<https://www.experiencesouthlaketexas.com/375/Adaptive-Recreation>

Networking and Support Agencies / General Information

North Texas SNAP Inc. – Paula Baker 817-832-6683 www.ntxsnap.org

The ARC of DFW Area - 817- 834-7700

<https://thearcofdfw.org/>

IDD Council of Tarrant County - 817-569-4852 <http://www.iddcouncil.org>

(The Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Council of Tarrant County)

Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) – 682-626-5000 <https://www.featnt.org>

Autism Speaks <http://www.autismspeaks.org>

Texas Parent to Parent <http://www.txp2p.org/index.html>

Pathways to Adulthood <http://www.txp2p.org/parents/pathway.html>

Navigate Life Texas <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en>

For Families of Special Needs - 972-964-3444 x116 www.txlifeplanning.com

(Private non- profit organization that provides assistance with long range care-planning and Benefits assistance)

Community Connections of North Texas – 817-725-7258 www.ccntx.org