



S.E.D.O.L. TRANSITION CHECKLIST- DD

Register with P.U.N.S. (Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services)

This is the state database of people with developmental disabilities. You must register in order to receive any funding from the state for adult day or residential services. To register you must participate in a P.U.N.S. interview conducted by Community Alternatives Unlimited (CAU). This P.U.N.S. data should also be updated yearly. You may contact CAU at (773) 867-4000 to request to register with P.U.N.S. www.cau.org , www.dd.illinois.gov

Obtain Illinois State Identification Card.

Cards can be obtained through the Secretary of State's Driver's License Facilities. I.D. cards need to be renewed every 5 years www.cyberdriveillinois.com (website has form to download under publications tab). Documents needed to obtain a state I.D. include

1. Birth Certificate (original or certified copy)
2. Social Security Card (original)
3. Proof of Residence (letter postmarked within 60 days of application)
4. Application for "Disabled Person I.D. card" requires a form to be filled out by a doctor. Disabled Person I.D. card is **free**. Regular State I.D.s cost \$20.

Register with Selective Services

All males are required to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. A man turning 18 is required to register during the period of time beginning 30 days before, until 30 days after his 18th birthday...a 60-day window. You can register online with Selective Service www.sss.gov/RegVer/wfRegistration.aspx

SSI (Supplemental Security Income) Benefits

Have social security number at hand and call (800)772-1213 to begin the application process. They will send you forms to complete and schedule a personal interview. You may also start this application process online. Do this before you apply for Medicaid. www.socialsecurity.gov

Medicaid Benefits

If you receive SSI benefits you are eligible for Medicaid, but you must complete a separate application. The online application can be found at <https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/> . The local DHS office is located at 2000 North Lewis Avenue, Waukegan, IL 60087 (847) 336-5212

Apply for ADA Paratransit Services through the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

Call RTA's ADA Paratransit Certification program at 312-663-HELP (4357) and ask to have an application mailed to you. Complete the application and call the same number to schedule an interview. Bring the completed application, a photo i.d., and any other relevant documentation regarding the disability to the interview. If eligible, you will receive a letter containing the ADA paratransit id number within 21 days. If not, you should call to get a temporary paratransit number. <http://www.pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/default.asp>

*Service is provided only in areas where PACE bus routes or Metra trains operate and when fixed route service operates. Rides need to be reserved one day in advance.

Explore other Transportation Options in your Community.

Some communities have their own dial a ride programs. RTA also offers discounted services for qualified individuals.

Register to Vote

An individual may register to vote if they are 18 years or older on the next election day, resides in jurisdiction for 30 days prior to election, and is a U.S. citizen. Illinois' residents may register online, in person at the office of the election authority, at Driver's license facilities, with deputy registrars who are appointed in each jurisdiction, or via mail using the Illinois Voter registration Application.

Investigate Guardianship & Alternatives

Regardless of your young adult's disability, once your child turns 18, the law presumes that the child possesses the capacity to make any and all decisions regarding their person and their finances. There are different types of guardianship (Limited, Full "Plenary", Guardianship of Person, and Guardianship of the Estate). Guardianship can be obtained with or without an attorney. Alternatives to Guardianship include: (Delegation of Educational Rights, Powers Of Attorney for Healthcare, Powers Of Attorney for Finances, Representative Payee for Social Security Benefits, Joint Bank Accounts, Mental Health Treatment Declaration)

www.gac.state.il.us

Explore Estate Planning for the Family

Discuss your family's options in the area of Special Needs Trusts with an attorney who specializes in this type of law. Any inheritance your young adult receives could jeopardize SSI and or Medicaid benefits unless it is put into a special trust. The ABLE act of 2014 also allows people with disabilities to establish ABLE savings accounts that are tax free and do not affect eligibility for public benefits (SSI, Medicaid, etc) as long as the total annual contribution to the account does not exceed \$14,000.

Employment

The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation services may provide assistance for people with disabilities looking for jobs and living independently. A DRS worker may become involved in your son or daughter's case as they get closer to leaving the educational system. The local address is: 2740 Grand Ave. Waukegan, IL 60085 (847) 244-8474

Explore Special Recreation Associations

Many communities have special recreation programs. These programs can be accessed now and after your young adult graduates. Most special recreation associations offer adult day programs. Local libraries can also be a great resource.

Explore Post Secondary Educational Options

There are many programs available to people with disabilities within a college environment. The College of Lake County and Harper College have community based programs, while other colleges offer dorm experiences.

Medical

Is your young adult still seeing a pediatrician or a child neurologist? It is time to consider changing to an "adult" doctor. If your son or daughter has mental health needs, it may also be important to connect with the local county mental health programs.