

Transition Planning Activities for Youth, Families & Trusted Others

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<p>For Families: This information can be used to start thinking about the transition of a young person to the next stage of life especially for young people between the ages of 14 & 21. It is not meant to be overwhelming, so please read and think about it at a pace that is good for you. There are things that you will want begin now in order to prepare for the journey ahead, as well as some resources to be tucked away until they are right for your son or daughter's/ brother's sister's journey.</p>	
<p>To Be Completed Every Year From Age 14-21 Years Of Age by the School. Did you hear from the school yet about their completing an annual planning document? Age Of Young Person:</p>	
<p>Transition Lead Name at School:</p>	
<p>Direct Service Providers in your Life at this Time:</p>	
<p>Your Team Members: (others that you think help with the young person's life)</p>	
<p>Do you need to talk with professional agencies involved in the young person's life to do any service planning? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>Did we get a Transition Package/Binder from the school? Should we call our teacher for a copy?</p>	
<p>The following sections will help you develop your plan for the future. This is only a beginning. There are others that can help you. Contact your local family network to get ideas and information.</p>	
<p>Recreation Opportunities</p>	
<p>Does your son/daughter want to be involved in a sport, recreational or social activity? <i>If yes, Please consider exploring the following:</i> <i>This list is not exhaustive and is designed to spark ideas and creative discussions about the differing local groups that would welcome meeting the young person involved in this type of planning.</i> City of Windsor 211 Call Service can provide overview of where to look for what type of activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Services Town of Amherstburg Online Services • Recreation Guide Online Registration - Town of Essex • Recreation Programs Town of Kingsville • Town of Lakeshore - Parks & Recreation • LaSalle Volmer Centre • Recreation – Leamington • Parks & Recreation Services Town of Tecumseh • Local Private Gyms; Local private artists who may hold classes; • Social Entrepreneurial groups like 10,000 Villages provide a space in our communities where people gather to enjoy fellowship around a diverse range of topics and activities. • Horse Riding Associations and private classes • St Clair College/ University of Windsor social clubs • House League Baseball/Basketball/Volleyball etc. • Learning Disabilities Association 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YMCA & Local art community that can be accessed through art galleries & the film festival • Italian Canadian Handicapable Association • Academie Ste. Cecile is one source Music Therapy, Dance Classes. There are others. See their website academiestececile.ca • Weekly/Daily newspapers & cable channels often detail local one-time events or seasonal gatherings. FACEBOOK - family networks and other like organizations often have an events tab • Windsor Dance Experience (WDX) is a very welcoming group www.windsordanceexperience.ca • Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & other social media for inclusive activities. For example: groups like Autism Ontario send out Friday blasts to all families and others that detail fun activities. • The Miracle League is a great place to get to know people who like to play baseball • McKenzie Hall (Windsor, ON): Art, Dance, Acting Classes <p>If you would like additional information on recreational & educational gatherings, please visit http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=402324#{"issue_id":402324,"page":0} to see the latest copy of the Windsor Essex Activity Guide.</p>	
Volunteering Opportunities?	
<p>Is your son/daughter interested in volunteering?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Student Links Program (formally called the Passport Mentoring Initiative) is a program of Community Living Ontario. It provides a chance for students who live with disability to explore ideas for their future after high school. This is usually volunteering at the young person's self-reported "dream job". Young people between the ages of 14 & 21 can learn more about their area of interest and be introduced to members of their community who have similar interests. Funding is not required to participate. Application process. Local Contact Sherry Blanchard through this website communitylivingontario.ca/student-links • Through United Way, explore setting up your own on line profile to connect with many places that are looking for someone to help them out. You can learn more by going to the United Way website: www.wevolunteer.ca <p>Importance of Volunteering It is significant for young people to be mentored & encouraged towards enjoying any activity alongside peers. It is more important that we recognize that each of us, regardless of disability, has the ability to give back. This simple offer of giving back can provide meaning, real resume value & many other positive outcomes. To learn more, please read on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion Press This source has many written and video resources that emphasize developing citizenship, community connections and inclusion in all areas of a person's life. website: www.inclusion.com • Windsor Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports (Brokerage) has a lending library of videos and other interesting items from this group. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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Employment or Related Skills Development Opportunities	
<p>Is your son/daughter interested in working?</p> <p>To help make employment contacts and gain experience, have you planned to create a “co-op placement”? Jot down the information you have received from the school so you have it handy. If you wish to have alternatives to what you have been offered, please contact your school, your local family network for assistance and good information.</p> <p>Have you thought about your own connections that could be used to help your family member get a job? Do you work at the Big Three? Do you know someone who does? Would this be a good place to start thinking about a future job? Staff from any of the listed employment services, service planning or independent facilitation groups can help you to think more about this part.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
<p>Local Employment and Related Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Support Funding through a provincial program: Young people who are at least 16 years of age & who are interested in working, can call ODSP Employment Supports at 519-254-1651. Part of this group’s job is to provide <i>basic funding</i> assistance that offers access to job coaching and general employment information. This group is always helpful and current about the various employment agencies that can help young people. Additional information about this provincial benefit can be on line at www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/odsp • Unemployed Help Center: This agency provides various levels of assistance to develop resumes through to job search & development of basic work skills. Must be 18 years old or over. Summer Job assistance available for teenagers. For more information on summer jobs only: http://www.uhc.ca/article-71/youth-job-connection-summer-ages-15-18 For other information about work, please visit this website www.uhc.ca or call: (519)944-4900 • Goodwill Industries (Windsor location): This is the local hub for information and training for people who have a disability. Job coaching, skill development classes etc. can be accessed through this group. They are a tri-county organization and has two locations in Windsor. The employment service is located at 1643 McDougall Street in Windsor, ON. Strongly recommend you call first and make appointment –no drop in services. For more information (519) 256-1919 or find them online at: www.goodwillekl.com • Coachworx Employment Solutions: Coachworx is an employment resource for people of all ages and the employers who will benefit from hiring them. They are not an employment agency. Coachworx offers <i>one-on-one</i>, at your convenience and is <i>tailored to each situation</i> services. By identifying clear and attainable job goals, creating an effective resume and seeking appropriate work, Coachworx increases your chances of finding employment. This is a free service. To qualify, you must have a medically-verified barrier to employment. For more information call (519) 974-6643 or email jobs@coachworx.ca. • Insight Advantage: Insight Advantage assists young people to develop a personalized plan that is tailored to their needs. They also assist with job search and landing a job. Time is 	

spent ensuring a good match between the person and the work place and the actual job. For more information (519) 254-1445 or find them online at: www.insightadvantage.ca

- **Community Living Windsor:**

- Work 4 All

- Work 4 All is an employment skills training program that offers hands-on opportunities and experiences for people who have an intellectual disability.

- The young person must be eligible for Ontario Disability Supports Program (ODSP): Employment Supports and be 19 years of age. There is an interview process. Limited space to accommodate each student. One does **not need** to go to the DSO access before calling.

- Contact Employment Services @ Community Living Windsor. (519) 974-4221 ext. 235 or visit their informative website at: www.clwindsor.org

- **Community Living Essex County**

- Career Compass

- This employment service is used to provide direction for job seekers looking for meaningful innovative employment. Career Compass works with both employers and seekers to ensure inclusive hiring.

- This organization offers assistance to find summer work and full time work after school is finished.

- Please remember that this organization stretches to all points of Essex County and will work collaboratively with other groups. One does **not need** to go through the DSO before calling.

- For more information (519) 776-6972 or find them online:

- www.communitylivingessex.org/services/employment-supports/career-compass

- **St. Clair College:**

- Community Integration Through Cooperative Education (CICE)

- This college level program gives graduates an Ontario College Certificate. This program is designed to provide individuals with developmental disabilities or other significant learning challenges with an opportunity to experience college life, pursue a postsecondary education and develop skills which will help them prepare for employment. Students will choose a career and choose their courses, each student will attend academic courses with their college peers. The support of a learning facilitator will be provided by the college. The learning facilitator can attend classes; provide follow-up study skills, test preparation and support course modifications, when necessary. CICE lessons will include subjects covering communications, job and life skills, and human relations. Call (519) 972-2727 ext. 4537 to speak with the Program Manager of this course at St Clair College.

Additionally, students who choose to take classes for either enjoyment or to further their learning can get good information from one of the advisors in the Student Services Department at St Clair College.

Recent legislation (2017) suggests that some students are eligible for tuition free post-secondary education. Please contact Ontario Student Assistance Program to learn if you are eligible. This program is means tested. Visit their website to learn more:

osap.gov.on.ca

As you think through all of the information presented so far, it may be clear that taking one evening to learn more of an overview and in person would be helpful... please think about coming to this event....

Planning for Success: Lifer After High School:

Once a year, the Windsor Essex School Boards come together with other partners to host an information sharing event to assist young people and their families to meet representatives from the adult service system. It is open house style where one can come and go, with some formal presentations being made on specific topics at specific times.

Many different folks represent their direct service agency, their sport league or their financial planning service. Local grassroots groups & family networks, self-advocate groups & the local independent facilitation contacts are also represented. It is also important to know that direct service support agencies participate and offer information about how they provide supports and services to adults with a disability.

Of note is that the local Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) office is represented by their key navigation professionals. **This agency is only place that the young person can access funding to receive any type of support after they turn 18 years old.** The team at your local DSO also has a complete listing of different types of groups or programs that you can contact directly and without going through their process...or as you wait to go through their system access process.

Families and youth can get information about dates of this event from their teacher or others in their school.

In general, the developmental service system is ever changing and is evolving each year. Touch base with your local family network for quality information & consideration about any new program you may be interested in. Recently there has been a growth in the number of for profit providers who are offering day support. We are not able to provide information and

<p>recommendations about these groups. We strongly recommend that you as a family visit those that may be of interest to you.</p>	
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<p>Supports and Services</p>	
<p>Does your son/daughter need help with daily living and/or different every day activities like cooking, shopping, eating etc.?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Does your son/daughter currently have a paid assistant/supporter to help with daily living?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>CRITICAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Please note that all youth are considered “an adult” on their 18th birthday. Their eligibility for “children’s supports and services” will end. Local protocols for transition state that educators need to take action for this transition to ensure a good and current plan is in place prior to the young person turning 18 years old.</p> <p>Currently there are only two ways to get service and support after a young person turns 18 years of age:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To use connections made in your neighbourhood. Independent facilitation through Brokerage can assist you with crating a circle of trusted people. 2) Through the local Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) office. No direct service provider (agency) is able to give you support and service without your being 	

informed via a letter/phone call that you have been “deemed eligible”. Your family member must be “deemed eligible” to apply for support and/or service from an agency or for PASSPORT funding – this is based on the findings of DSO staff. They will be in touch after they review the most recent psychological assessment for the young person and let you know outcomes.

WHAT TO DO TO GET ADULT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS:

1. **Call your local DSO office and ask to speak to an intake worker. When youth turn 16, families can contact Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) 1-855-437-6797 or (519) 945-3797 and ask them to review the young person’s psychological assessment to see if it meets eligibility.**

Eligibility is based on “IQ, adaptive functioning and age of onset of the disability”. This eligibility criteria is found in legislation. All of this information can be found in the young person’s psychological assessment.

The DSO process requires family to provide “verification of disability” documentation – this is why they ask for a “recent assessment completed by a psychologist”. All youth must have a psychological assessment stating that they have a developmental disability, their age of onset and that their adaptive functioning levels are affected in order to apply for service & support through the DSO.

In order to prepare for this time, we strongly suggest taking steps early to gather all documentation that may be required prior to making your call. You may find your known & local contacts have a long wait time before they can update the assessment.

Many youth have had psychological testing through their school. Families could check with their educator, Special Education Consultant or Principal at your school. If the young person does not have a psychological assessment or has one, but the diagnosis is not clearly stated, then the family may be told that they need to obtain one before they can apply. Some insurance companies cover psychological services so parents with benefits could inquire with their carrier to see if they have coverage. Other options include:

- **Private Psychologist:** See yellow pages. Cost varies. Contact your local family network to ask about this topic.
- **House on Sunset (University of Windsor):** 519-253-3000 ext. 7012. A sliding fee scale applies. Supervised by experienced PhD.
- **Regional Support Associates (RSA):** A referral must be made through the DSO. The intake worker can help with this. Assessments can be done through RSA free of charge once the person is 18 years old. Make sure you mention when booking an appointment to state that it is for *eligibility purposes for the DSO*. ***Please know that there is often a wait time for this service. Do not hesitate to call this group to find out how long your wait may be. They would be happy to talk with you.***

2. **Submit the young person’s psychological assessment to the DSO intake person. One can do this on-line or through email or personally by dropping off your documents to the DSO.**

3. **Wait for a letter/call that says the young person is “eligible for adult services and supports” when they turn 18 years old. If you get a phone call, ask for the decision to be put in writing.**
4. **If your family member is found not to be eligible, there is an appeal process that has a specific timeline to follow. The DSO staff contacting you will be able to help you with this part and give you all of the contact information you may require. Please remember to ask the staff about this and to put their directions and feedback in writing. Your local family network group will also be able to assist you with information.**
5. **Once found eligible, you will get a call from a DSO staff to arrange a date/time for them to come to your home to complete the general application form and Support Intensity Scale Assessment. This call can happen any time after the young person is 17.5 years of age.**

NOTES:

- a) You can send your family member’s assessment to the DSO Intake Worker when the young person is **16 years of age to determine their eligibility**. We strongly encourage you to take this step early.
- b) The young person and family are strongly encouraged to call for **an intake appointment when the youth is 17.5 years of age**, or six months prior to their 18th birthday.
- a) If deemed eligible for service by the DSO, the **youth can take their letter of eligibility to ODSP**. This recent (2017) change in the government process may save you several process steps when applying for the ODSP monthly pension cheque. See following notations in Financial Section

THIS IS AGENCY (DSO) WILL NOT CALL YOU IF YOU DO NOT CALL THEM FIRST to start the entire process.

Again, once the paperwork has been submitted to the DSO, and the eligibility determined, a DSO staff will contact you to set up an appointment to begin the application process. This can be 4 – 6 hours to complete. Families will be asked a series of standard questions that focus on their child’s needs in great depth and identify what services the young person will require as an adult. Some of the questions will focus on the young person’s goals and things that they find they can do well.

The youth should attend and participate if they wish. One may wish to invite another family member who has been through this process to talk about it so that a clear expectation of time and what information to prepare is clarified. The family and young person can invite any other person to sit in with them at these appointments. Families can touch base with their local Family Network group for good information & consideration.

The DSO office will have a list of all direct support and service agencies in Windsor Essex and will share this you (families/youth) during this interview. They may also present you with a listing of for-profit groups that you may wish to know about. Should you wish to use your neighbourhood as a preferred option, then you can either 1) call Brokerage directly at 519-996-8094, or, 2) ask

<p>the DSO staff member to make sure you are connected to Brokerage. You can also touch base with your local family network group for good information & consideration.</p> <p>Here is a list of direct service agencies in Windsor Essex. Each of these agencies has a website that outlines their role.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"> Christian Horizons - http://www.christian-horizons.org/ Community Living Essex County - http://communitylivingessex.org/ Community Living Windsor - http://www.clwindsor.org/ Family Service Windsor Essex County (Adult Protective Service Worker & Trusteeship Program) http://fswe.ca/ Harmony in Action (day program only) - http://www.harmonyinaction.com/ St. Francis Advocates - http://mysfa.org/ </p> <p>Other Groups</p> <p>There are a growing number of for profit groups that offer day supports or respite for a fee. The fees vary. These groups are not regulated and are independent businesses. Please contact the local DSO for a complete listing of these organizations.</p> <p>Bartimaeous Rehabilitation Services Inc.: Bartimaeous provides treatment or clinical service and support, direct therapy, transitional support and community integration for children, youth, adults and seniors and others who are recovering from an acquired brain injury and/or serious trauma. For more information contact the Windsor-Essex Service Area: (519) 397-1627.</p> <p><i>Please contact your local Developmental Services Ontario office to get a complete listing of for-profit support organizations. Toll Free: 1-855-437-6797.</i></p>	
Skills & Learning After High School	
<p>See Developmental Service Ontario (DSO) section.</p> <p>See Community Resources section.</p> <p>In addition to information already provided,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Vocational Services; Equal Ability Employment Support</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"> Equal Ability is an employment support program aimed at assisting people who have physical disabilities & is hosted through Assisted Living Southern Ontario. This group provides assessment, job search, job placement, and job coaching and employment maintenance services. For more information contact Lois Caldwell, Program Co-coordinator at (519) 969-8188; ext. 302 </p>	

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Family Groups	
<p>If you would like to connect with other families who have members who have this experience call</p> <p>Windsor-Essex Family Network (519) 974-1008 Here is how they describe themselves....</p> <p><i>"We are families and friends whose lives are touched by disability. We believe in the power of families helping families. It just makes sense."</i></p> <p>Ensemble (519) 776-6483 Here is how they describe themselves....</p> <p><i>"Ensemble is a parent-directed resource for families caring for someone with a disability that provides support from birth through adulthood. Our name, Ensemble, is French for "together" and was chosen for the strength and resiliency found in the connections we build between families and within the community. Ensemble inspires possibilities for our children by promoting family leadership so that families thrive and become active members in the community."</i></p> <p>These are parent-led organizations where parents support other parents. In addition to this contact information, there are many parent groups which they can connect you to locally. Some are identified according to diagnosis. These two groups are a great starting place and can offer you alternate contact information.</p>	
Independent Facilitation	
<p>Is your son/daughter interested in staying connected to their friends & neighbourhood?</p> <p>Is your son/daughter interested in doing things that keeps them linked to groups or brings about new connections?</p> <p>If so, you can ask the DSO for a referral to Windsor Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports for independent facilitation. www.windsorsexbrokerage.com</p> <p>Independent facilitation involves people who live with a disability, their families and friends meeting with an Independent Facilitator. This person listens, provides information & helps with life planning, network development, relationship building. This conversation is based on the gifts, strengths, capacities and self-determination of the person. Brokerage is not a direct service provider. They do not offer day programs, housing or funding. Rather, the person & family are the directors of their life and the facilitator assist them with creating a tailor made day.</p> <p>Independent facilitation provides individuals and their families with a neighbourhood focused way to think about their lives. With an experienced Independent Facilitator, people are able to focus on "community" and "possibilities" that can lead to increased contribution, citizenship and participation.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>

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Financial Assistance – Personal Day to Day Finances	
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<p>Do you know about monthly financial assistance for living and medical expenses?</p> <p>The Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) provides a (provincial) benefit that comes in the form of a monthly cheque. It is a financial support that supplements any earnings the person may have or alternately, completely assists with living expenses. This is a very individualized process and the amount each person gets is dependent on their unique situation.</p> <p>The young person must be aged 17.5 years to apply for this provincial benefit. This benefit includes money to pay for rent, or, room and board, as well as certain medications, some dental care, and glasses. This contact can also assist the youth and families to access any assistive device program that may be available to the student.</p> <p>Intake meetings, which can be started by phone, is your first step to take. Once you share the financial information and biographical information required, you will get a call back from one of the ODSP workers. You will be required to go to their office and bring verification of financial information, for example a copy of the young person’s current balance in their bank account and more.</p> <p>Basic details of this benefit can be found online at http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/odsp/ or this group can be reached by phone at (519) 254-1651.</p> <p>Note: If deemed eligible for service & support by the DSO, the youth & family can take their letter of eligibility to ODSP. This will save you several process steps & time.</p> <p>Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP): RDSP is a financial savings plan designed to assist people to save great amounts of money to use later in life in whatever way makes most sense to them and their loved ones.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
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<p>Needs such as future medical and living costs can be purchased with this type of personal fund.</p> <p>Saving can start at any time. Government offers contributions.</p> <p>Most financial institutions can assist you in setting up your RDSP.</p> <p>Should you wish any further information, please contact your local family network for good information or your financial institution.</p>	
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Personal Care

<p>Does your son/daughter have any difficulty with mobility, need help with eating, dressing, grooming or self-care activities and or physiotherapy and related activities that may be considered more medical than assistance?</p> <p>1. If so, please call <i>Community Care Access Centre (CCAC)</i> at: (519) 436-2222</p> <p><u>This health agency has recently undergone a great number of changes (summer 2017). We recommend that you get information from your family doctor, your local family network or a related service provider.</u> You typically will be assigned a care coordinator. This person will come to your home and complete a computerized intake form. Once deemed eligible, the care coordinator will contract with a local “nursing agency”. The nursing agencies hire the staff that will come to your home and help your family member.</p> <p>There are several nursing agencies/businesses that for an hourly rate that can assist. All located in Windsor Essex. Please ask the CCAC representative for a listing of these services. Should you wish, please contact your local family network for information.</p> <p>2. If the young person is 16 years plus, can direct their own care, they can apply for services and supports to <i>Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario</i> for personal support services. (519) 969-8188. www.alsogroup.org</p> <p>There is an application process and waiting list. Services are in the tri-county area.</p> <p>This allows you to get support and assistance provided in your own home. A supporter will come in to your home at a pre-set time, greet the young person and follow their instructions for the service they wish for that day and time. They help with any sort of personal assistance.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
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Mental Health Supports and Services

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<p>Is your son/daughter currently under the care of a child Psychiatrist? If so, and you think there is a need to continue, please talk to and work with your current psychiatrist to transition to one that has expertise in the area you require. At times, a psychiatrist may keep a person on their active listing of patients to ensure a continuity of care.</p> <p>If not, please contact your family doctor to talk about the Dual Diagnosis Program at Windsor Regional Hospital. (519 - 257- 5125). Please be mindful of lengthy wait times. Early planning can make transition towards adult services better for the young person.</p> <p>Canadian Mental Health Association (519-255-7440) is a local resource where youth and families can call to inquire about supports and services that are currently available when there is a dual diagnosis.</p> <p>You may contact the Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) intake worker to make a request for their starting the process to access Regional Support Associates (RSA). They assist with “behaviour management”. Find more information online: http://regionalsupport.on.ca/eng/ or contact them directly at (519) 974-9476.</p> <p>If your son/daughter has a serious mental health diagnosis at 18 years of age, your family and young person may be eligible as an adult to access the “Assertive Community Treatment” team. These teams are connected to local psychiatrists. The family/youth will need to gather information for this resource directly from their family doctor. There may be a lengthy wait for this particular tailor made service.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
Transportation	

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<p>Does your son/daughter require accessible public transportation?</p> <p>If so, you may contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCAC: CCAC has information about transportation for Windsor-Essex services. They can be reached at (519) 258-8211 or http://healthcareathome.ca/eriestclair/en • Handi-Transit: (519)966-0930 for an application that needs to be completed by your family doctor. • Courtesy Accessible Transportation: (519)890-3431 cell-519-984-6177. 24 hour notice, 24 hours a day, door to door service--\$20 each way. • Helping Hands Windsor (& Chatham): (519)966-7495, ext. 222. No waiting time if traveling within city. Fee • Checker Cab: (519)254-7777. No extra charge for use of one of four accessible vehicles. Advanced booking accepted but not necessary. • Van Go: (519)971-3578 / (519)252-9351. Accessible taxi, services Windsor and Essex County, minimum fee for short distances. • Transit Windsor: (519) 944-4111. Offers a subsidized monthly bus pass. Person must be 18 yrs. and getting ODSP (monthly provincial pension cheque). Additional information regarding accessible travel through Transit Windsor is available at http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/transitwindsor/Pages/Transit-Windsor.aspx. <p>For accessible transportation in the County refer to the following link provided by the John McGivney Children's Centre. http://www.jmccentre.ca/child-family-resources/transportation?page=43</p> <p>Some people wish to purchase their own vehicle. There are charities that can help with the purchase of & renovation to a vehicle. Please consider calling your local Zehr's/Great Canadian Food store. This large chain store is a funder for children's charities and often can help families. Ask to speak with the manager. Additionally for information, please consider calling your local the March of Dimes.</p> <p>As a foot note, please know that ODSP (the monthly pension fund from the province) has a travel allowance for medical appointments only. Please ask your case worker about this information.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
Housing	
<p>Would you like information about affordable housing?</p> <p>If so, you can contact:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation provides a limited number of income-based housing for persons with physical disabilities (519)254-1681</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">The Central Housing Registry - Windsor Essex County (CHR) maintains a centralized waiting list for most social housing providers in Windsor and Essex County</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Central Housing Registry - Windsor Essex County: (519)254-6994</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>

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<p>Windsor-Essex Family Network (519)974-1008 to discuss up-to-date housing options and to gather information about an informational and inspirational series called My Home My Choice.</p> <p>Housing Information Services of Windsor and Essex County (519)254-4824</p> <p>For those interested in paid & supported group living or paid & supported independent living, please contact the Developmental Services Ontario office to complete the intake forms. Other local options include:</p> <p>ACCESS Community Services is a county wide multi service agency whose professionals may be of assistance for youth who live outside of the Windsor area. (519)733-8983</p> <p>Windsor Residence is a supportive housing provider located in the core of the City of Windsor. (519)258-1358. It is designed for a person who is experienced and able to live somewhat independently.</p>	
Noted Websites	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Chasing Hazel: http://www.chasinghazel.com/ · Inclusion Press: http://www.inclusion.com/ · Ensemble: http://www.ensembleunderstands.com/ · Windsor-Essex Family Network: https://windsoriessexfamnet.ca/ · Awkward Love: http://www.cbc.ca/radio/nowornever/meet-canadians-who-are-taking-a-leap-for-love-1.3974688/pov-why-i-started-a-dating-day-camp-for-people-with-asperger-s-1.3976824 · Wood Eden Camp: http://www.eastersealscamps.org/about/woodeden-camp · Looking for an independent facilitator? Try these web sites: www.windsoriessexbrokerage.com; www.oifn.ca › find-a-facilitator · Looking for planning help? www.plan.ca ; www.partnersforplanning.ca 	
Post-Secondary Education	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For information on post-secondary education contact your guidance counselor, and meet with the Special Needs Office at your post-secondary institute a year prior to graduation. Most course require you to apply a year before anticipated start date. 	
<p>People Completing Checklist :</p>	<p>Date :</p>
<p>Date to bring this out again to think more about planning for the future:</p>	