

Transition Questions Parents Need to Consider

VISION PLANS: EMPLOYMENT

You would want to know:

1. Where has your child enjoyed working?
2. What does he/she like to do?
3. Can your child work full time?
4. If not, will your child be able to get benefits (sick pay, health insurance, vacation)?
5. Will the job pay enough money to be self-supporting?
6. Will they have the social skills to keep the job?
7. do you understand the money you receive from SSI is directly related to how much they earn on the job?
8. Do you know which agencies will help your child find a job and be supportive?

VISION PLANS: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Think about the things you do every week: banking, church, belong to a community organization, shopping for food and clothes, volunteering, learn to drive a car, take a bus, go to the doctor, learn to do home maintenance...

1. How much does your child need to learn about these aspects of living?
2. How are they taught? By their parents or school? Some may need to learn these skills while they attend school.
3. When your child is out of school who will provide the support they need?
4. How will it be paid for?

VISION PLANS: RECREATION AND LEISURE

1. If you didn't want to entertain your adult child full time, what would you have them be doing?
2. Do they have the social skills to do the activities they like to do?
3. What opportunities does your child have to develop their recreational interests and skills/
4. How would this look as an activity related to the Individual Education Plan (IEP)?

VISION PLANS: TRAINING AND EDUCATION

1. What kind of training would your child need to function as independently as possible?
2. Are they being taught self-advocacy skills/
3. Are their educational courses geared to their job interest or post-secondary education?
4. Are they receiving social skills training?
5. For vision-impaired students, are they receiving mobility training?

VISION PLANS: INDEPENDENT LIVING

1. Where do you see your child living after high school? (i.e., at home, independently, in a supported apartment, group home)
2. Who helps you learn about and access these options?
3. Who supplies personal care if needed?
4. Who pays for this? Where does the money come from?
5. If you are not sure your child has the skills to live on their own, who can help your child develop those skills/