

ICTW 2023 Transition 14^½ - 99

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My Disability: Specific learning Disability in Reading and Writing.

My disability never stopped me from living the life I want!

I am currently a Special Education Teacher and Pre-Vocational Coordinator at D219



Common Transition Terms

CAU - Community Alternatives Unlimited - Adult case management agency. CAU is a Pre-Admission Screening/Independent Service Coordination (PAS/ISC) agency.

PUNS - Priority of Urgency of Need for Services - NO LONGER A Lottery system for home-based funding

DRS - Division of Rehabilitation Services/Vocational Rehabilitation - Agency that will support student/child with disabilities in developing employment skills and assist with job placement

DRS Home Service - Funding provided from Medicaid to assist with needs. Please contact your managed care coordinator or local school DRS representative. Services the money can be used for include a Personal Assistant (PA), an individual (including a family member over the age of 18) who can be paid by the State to support the qualifying individual. [IDHS Home Services Program](#)

Common Transition Terms

Managed Care Coordinator - Medicaid contact person. Not every individual who has Medicare has a managed care plan/managed care coordinator

Transition Plan - Required by state and federal law to prepare young adults for life after they age out of school/transition program based on their individual IEPs

Day Training/Program - Staffed and supervised programs that focus on various areas of teaching and leisure activities

Home-Based Funding - Money you get from PUNS lottery to pay for day-training programs, housing, and therapies to name a few examples

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) [Home Based Services Program Overview](#)

Common Transition Terms

Medicare - Federal health insurance program for individuals 65 or older and certain younger people with disabilities

Medicaid - Federal health care system for those who require financial assistance

SSI/SSDI - Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance

Vocational training/work learning experience - Non-paid job practice within the school or volunteer sites outside of the school

CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) - A supervised home environment in which 8 or fewer people with developmental disabilities live together.

Medicaid home and community based waiver program funding- What the funding is called if you are selected from PUNS list

DRS Vocational SERVICES

AGE 14 ½ to 22

Your District can
get Money from
the State to help
students.

Why Partner with DRS?

Money, Structure, and a Partnership so we don't do it alone!

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=138149>

[How to apply for DRS with no DRS representative](#)

Your District can get financial compensation for Job Training as well as when the Student gets and maintains employment.

Actually dollar amount may change so speak with your local DRS representative but in the past they could earn \$600 - \$750(Rural vs Metro) per student for the 5 foundational skills needed to find employment and \$3,400 to \$4,300 for maintaining employment for 60 days , 240 hours per student.

DRS Vocational SERVICES AGE 14 ½ to 22

Let's break this down and see how we can support Student Jay step by step utilizing DRS resources from age 14 and ½ to retirement. This will focus on students age 14 ½ to 22 years of age.

Step 1- Student Jay is 14 and ½ and his case manager writes a DRS referral.

Step 2- Vocational Staff member and DRS representative collect IEP, Psychological, Social history, and any other relevant documentation

Step 3- Initial interview conducted with student and staff if needed to support student in interview

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AGE 14 ½ to 22**

Step 4- DRS representative completes all needed steps to open DRS case.

Step 5- Student's Individualized employment plan is created and a plan of action is created to support student towards employment

Step 6- In school Vocational training is started 1-2 a week for one period during the school day.

Step 7- Student will rotate among different in school vocational opportunities until they are ready for a vocational placement outside of the school building

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Step 8- Student will be placed at a Vocational site outside of the school building with a job coach

Step 9- Student's Individualized employment plan is updated and DRS files are continually updated regularly

Step 10- Students will meet with employment specialist and began job hunting process.(Resume, Mock interview, and Applications)

Step 11- Temporary onboarding and new hire job coaching support for starting a new job

D219 Vocational Services.....

What we have set up as Vocational opportunities within the school building

Hello,

This year the Vocational program will be offering a range of opportunities and skill sets for your students to work on this year. Each skill set that we work on with the students will have data collection attached with it to be used for student tracking and IEP goals. The lessons will be taking place in one of our learning labs we have. Many of these skills also will directly support life skills goals and the labs can be used when not in use by the Vocational department. Each student will be assigned to multiple labs each year. This will keep the tasks diverse for the students and have them work on a variety of skills while they are here at Niles West. Each lab has the lesson ideas below. Most lessons have been broken down into multiple mini lessons (mini lessons can be used as benchmarks) to scaffold the learning for the students. The basic hard skills developed in the labs will give the students the skills necessary to explore entry level job opportunities in these job fields.

D219 Vocational Services.....

What we have set up as Vocational opportunities within the school building

Administrative assistant lab

- Logging into email
- Printing/Laminating/cutting
- Scanning and faxing
- Completing a supply order
- Filling(up to first three letters in last name)
- Shredding

Restaurant lab

- Set a table(plates,bowls,napkins,cups,silverware)
- Bus dishes(clean a table)
- Wash dishes
- Roll silverware
- Stock sugars/sugar substitutes/salt and pepper

Grocery store lab

- Stocking(Facing and Fronting)
- Using a greeting script
- Identifying food/drink and non food/drink items
- Identifying different kinds of bags(paper,plastic, and reusable)
- Bagging groceries(**1**-heavy items on bottom **2**- light on top **3**- food/drink items in different bag from non food/drink **4**- bag can be lifted off the ground with 2 fingers)

D219 Vocational Services.....

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Point of Sale lab Coffee Shop

- Identifying value of change
- Identifying the value of bills
- Using a greeting script
- Taking orders using a cash register and POS app
- Giving accurate change(least amount of bills and coins)

Coffee Cart Delivery

- Food handling
- Delivery
- Team communication
- Greeting
- Navigation

Coffee Catering

- Food handling
- Display set up
- Counting
- Organizing
- Navigation

D219 Vocational Services.....

What we have set up as Vocational opportunities within the school building

Hospitality/Hotel lab

- Vacuuming
- Stripping a bed
- Making a bed
- Folding various sizes of towels
- Laundry
- Organizing space to look perfect for next patron
- Setting up grooming supplies(Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, etc)

Button making/manufacturing lab

- Setting up work station
- Reading a work order
- Making buttons
- Delivering buttons
- Bookkeeping

Bookstore/Library assistant lab

- Organize books alphabetically
- Place books in correct categories/sub categories
- Label books by category
- Pull books for book orders
- Clean/dust bookshelves
- Dust books
- Inventory/data entry(Online documentation for all books)

Bridges adult transition services

After High School transition program until 22 years of age (last school year when you turn 22)

<https://www.niles-hs.k12.il.us/bridges/>

District 219's Bridges Adult Transition Services serve adult learners aged 18 through the day before their 22nd birthday. Transition Services operate between the hours of 9:00-2:00 pm. These students have met District 219 graduation requirements and are preparing to be contributing members of the community. Services are structured to enhance skills for young adults needing Community-Based Instruction in the domains of independent living, personal management, recreation and leisure, and vocational training. Services foster a cooperative relationship among staff, students, families, colleges/schools, community organizations, local businesses, adult agencies, and service providers in order to help support the adult learners transitioning away from the high school setting.

- Independent Living Skills
- Recreation and Leisure Skills
- Employment Work Skills
- Transition Skills
- Functional Academics
- Community-Based Instruction
- Social/Interpersonal Skills
- Vocational Training
- Personal Safety
- Social Communication Skills
- Transportation

This next section is to explore with families to make sure they are getting everything they are entitled to and know what questions to ask. One thing I have learned is that the answers always change/depend but **YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS TO ASK** to get started.

Gateway into Service/Funding

Why should I
consider
exploring these
options?

Early Steps

Not all the services listed will be needed by all families. As you go through this list it will serve as a source of information and provide questions and topics for you to explore.

Funding	Services
Diagnosed Disability with School or outside professional of Autism	Any Diagnosed Disability with School or outside professional
Diagnosed Disability with School or outside professional of Intellectual disability	Resident of Illinois and you are looking for comprehensive affordable health insurance for your child
Diagnosed Disability with School or outside professional of Down Syndrome	
Diagnosed Disability with outside professional of Rare and Catastrophic disability	

Gateway into Service/Funding

Medicaid

State/Government

Your child can be covered from the state and your personal insurance to save even money on health care costs

[All Kids](#) This can serve as a second insurance and opens the door to more benefits in the future. Look at the chart below to see if you qualify?

All Kids Hotline 1-866-ALL-KIDS (1-866-255-5437)

TTY: 1-877-204-1012

You can also be Medicaid eligible through a disability diagnosis and not have to meet income requirements below (Find link to info for this)

Family Size	Income
Two person family:	\$33,948 to \$51,648 per year
Three person family:	\$42,684 to \$64,932 per year
Four person family:	\$51,432 to \$78,228 per year
Five person family:	\$60,168 to \$91,524 per year

Do you have SSI/SSDI Funding

[Social Security Benefits for People with Disabilities](#)

SSI - Supplemental Security Income - Benefits based on financial need, for individuals with little to no income and resources

SSDI - Social Security Disability Income - Benefits to you and certain members of your family if you are “insured,” meaning that you worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes

(Children disabled before the age of 22 are able to collect SSDI from a parent who is disabled/retired/deceased.)

SSI Funding Can start at birth (DO NOT need Medicaid)

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Under 18- Income requirements must be met by family and child is disabled

Over 18- Income requirements are met by the individual and you may have to re-apply even though you had it as child.

PUNS List (DO NOT need Medicaid)

PUNS Program

This is a long list based on considering factors. SELECTION IS NOW GUARANTEED based on state guidelines.

Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services

When you are selected, you will qualify for home-based support services. This money can be used to pay for many related needs for the individual who qualifies for it.

Medicaid home and community based waiver program funding- What the funding is called if you are selected from PUNS list

Have you signed up for PUNS?

[PUNS Program](#)

If you are selected, you will qualify for home-based support services. This money can be used to pay for many related needs for the individual who qualifies for it. Home-based funding is 3 times the current Social Security payment.

Example: SSI/SSDI payment is \$800, so $3 \times \$800 = \$2,400$ a month.

Housing - Can include own apartment or supported housing with an agency like a CILA or large group home.

PAS/ICS

[PUNS Program](#)

CAU is an example of a PAS or ICS agency.

Individuals who want to be on PUNS should contact the ISC agency in their area.

You can locate your ISC agency by:

- Calling Division of Developmental Disabilities Hotline at 1-888-DD-PLANS and 1-866-376-8446 (TTY) during business hours. When prompted by the recording, type in your ZIP Code and you will be connected with your local ISC agency.
- Accessing the [DHS Office Locator](#).

Note: Completion of a PUNS form does not guarantee that an individual is eligible for services or will be provided services.

CAU is our Local Chicagoland PAS/ICU

[PUNS Program](#)

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[List of more](#)

Community Alternatives Unlimited

Better Birth Outcomes

8765 W Higgins Rd, Suite 300

Chicago, IL 60631

Phone: (773) 867-4000

TTY: (773) 867-4168

Fax: (773) 867-4165

Website: www.cau.org

WHEN selected
from the PUNS
LIST!

**Medicaid home
and community
based waiver
program funding**

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Have you explored the DRS Home Services Funding program? (Child must have medicaid and can start at early age for your child)

[Qualifications for Home Services Program](#)

If you qualify, you can receive home services funding to pay for certain needs of the individual who qualifies.

The Home Services Program (HSP) provides services to individuals with severe disabilities so they can remain in their homes and be as independent as possible J B Pritzker, Governor · Grace B. Hou, Secretary.

Respite - Staff come to your home to care for the individual (a family member over 18 can provide respite).

Nursing - If an individual requires a high level of medical needs in home/at school, 1 on 1 nursing can be provided.

Guardianship

Power of attorney

Supported decision making

Whole guardianship

Medical and educational

Center for disabled and elder law as a resource <https://www.cdela.org/>

Additional medical resources

HIPP-Health Insurance Premium payment

DSCC- Division of specialized care

HIPP Program, Health Insurance Premium Payment. I want to share as it's another resource to families.

If families have Private Insurance and Medicaid as secondary they will pay for the premiums of your private insurance. This is really good for families who have medical costs and pay alot to keep their private insurance. Its a cost incentive program to keep your private insurance so you don't have to go straight to Medicaid as it saves the government money.

They need to be eligible, see below.

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?Item=19229>

Division of Specialized Care- DSCC-Medically Fragile/Technology Dependent Children

You don't want PUNS because your child needs more nursing then PUNS provides.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalClients/HCBS/Pages/tmfc.aspx>

Specialized needed trust

your adult child always has less than 2,000 in their name

Lawry's-Special needs attorney

Never leave money to child. Always leave money to the trust.

Lawyers can quotes 5-12 grand for this service so shop around

A Trust is a way to protect money for your loved one.

Trusts to ask about?

Self-Sufficiency Trust Fund

Irrevocable Trust

Pooled Trust

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=14939>

DRS Adult Services Part 1

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

We assist people with disabilities in preparing for, finding, and maintaining quality employment that pays a living wage and offers opportunities for advancement. Our staff work closely with state, regional, and local employers, offering individualized placement services that bring employers and qualified employees together.

Home Services

We provide services to individuals with the most significant disabilities so they can remain in their homes and live as independently as possible. Our customers are empowered to live self-directed lives, be actively involved in their communities, and retain control over the services they receive.

DRS Adult Services

Part 2

Educational Services

DRS operates three residential schools for children with disabilities:

- Illinois School for the Deaf (Jacksonville)
- Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (Jacksonville)
- Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education-Roosevelt (Chicago)

We offer information and referrals along with training services to parents of children with disabilities and professionals through our NEXT STEPS program.

Our staff works closely with high school students with disabilities, empowering them to successfully transition from high school to post-secondary education and employment.

DRS Adult Services

Part 3

Specialized Services

Our specialized services are designed for:

- **Persons who are Blind or Visually Impaired**
We empower adults who are blind or visually impaired to rediscover their independence and achieve their employment, education, training, and independent living goals. Services include: specialized vocational rehabilitation services; a short-term residential program for adults (Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education-Wood) in Chicago who are newly blind or visually impaired; independent living services for older individuals who are blind; and the Illinois Business Enterprise Program for the Blind.
- **Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**
We help people who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, or deaf/blind find employment, get ready to go to work, or obtain services to meet their needs. We serve as a resource to professionals, state agencies, community organizations, and the public, providing information related to employment, training, and accommodations for persons who have a hearing loss.
- **Persons with Disabilities who are Hispanic/Latino**
Our bilingual staff assists individuals with disabilities who are Hispanic/Latino obtain employment, education and training, and access a variety of community resources.

DRS Adult Services

Part 4

Independent Living Services

We empower people with disabilities to make informed choices by funding Centers for Independent Living (CILs) throughout Illinois. These CILs offer Information and referral, Independent living skills training, Individual and systems advocacy, Peer counseling and Transition services.

Disability Determination Services

We determine the eligibility of people to receive benefits under Social Security's disability programs - Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Client Assistance Program

The Client Assistance Program (CAP) helps people with disabilities receive quality services by advocating for their interests and helping them identify resources, resolve problems, and protect their rights in the rehabilitation and employment process.

DRS Adult Services Part 5

Information and Referral Services

Our staff share information about programs and services available through IDHS/DRS and other state agencies. We also connect individuals and their families with services they need in the community.

To Find Out More About DRS Programs

To learn more about DRS programs and services, locate the office nearest you or apply for services online. You can access the DRS website at drs.illinois.gov/success or call 877-761-9780 Voice; 312-957-4881 VP; or dial 711 for the telephone relay operator.

For more information call or visit your local Illinois Department of Human Services office.

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=12&officetype=7>

After High School Local transition services. Jonathan and Jonathan!



After High School Local transition services links from BEST

<https://besttransition.org/>

Apprenticeship Programs

Educational Opportunities

Employment and Community

Government Programs

Health Services

Legal/Financial Resources

Rec Opportunities

Referral Sources and Info

Residential Programs

Transportation Resources

Voc Prgms/Trade Schools

School to Community

Age 62 to 70? Time to retire

<https://www.ssa.gov/>

Time to apply for Social security and Medicare.