

## Transition Resources

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) has published A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education and Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities (revised May 2017.) The guide from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is comprehensive and offers information on how state and local agencies, and VR work collaboratively to improve outcomes for students and youth with disabilities. The guide also provides practical examples in various settings of these collaborative efforts.

[https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/transition/products/postsecondary-transition-guide-may-2017.pdf?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/transition/products/postsecondary-transition-guide-may-2017.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term)

The Texas Education Agency has developed a transition and employment guide for students in Texas public school, who may have received special education services due to a disability. It also provides helpful information for parents. This guide has steps you and your parents can take to make sure you are able to find the right work-based or educational choices for you after high school. It also tells you where to go to access the services you will need after high school.

The guide is divided into sections on Self Advocacy, Transition Services, Employment and Supported Employment, Social Security Programs, Community and Long Term Services and Supports, Post-Secondary Educational Programs and Services, Information Sharing,

and Guardianship and Alternatives. Each section has phone numbers, emails, and websites to help you find what you need. At the end of each section and at the end of the guide, you will find a timeline of steps that you and your parents can take as you make the transition from student to adult. If you have questions about this guide or the information in it, please send TEA an email at [sped@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:sped@tea.state.tx.us).

The Transition and Employment Guide is located in the top right hand corner of the Transition in Texas website, listed below. Here TEA will make revisions and update the guide on a regular basis in order to keep it accurate and meaningful for you as you prepare to transition into adulthood.

<http://www.transitionintexas.org/>

The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) has created a new Transition webpage. This resource will provide the latest information on activities and news related to the transfer of DARS programs and services to the Texas Workforce Commission and Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The Department of Rehabilitation Services (DARS) provides all different types of services for students with disabilities including; Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) services, rehabilitation services, disability determination services, blind services, communication services, autism programs,

supported employment opportunities and much, much more! Click on the link to be directed to their website where you can learn more about DARS and what they have to offer.

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/>

Navigate Life Texas (Avancemos Juntos Texas) is a *new* website that was created by a task force that is a part of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. It was designed by parents for parents of children living life with a disability or chronic health care needs, but can also help caregivers, clinicians, professionals, and support groups.

The Navigate Life Texas website is designed to offer support, inspiration and links to services available. Here you will find videos, blog articles and regional pages with links to services, parent groups, charitable organizations, online forums and much, much more!

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

The Graduation Toolkit developed by the Texas Education Agency provides the most updated information about HB 5as it relates to Graduation requirements, steps and choices. Check it out!

[TEA Graduation Toolkit](#)

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call our Transition Specialist at 903-489-1387.

More information may be obtained by contacting:

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