

What to do and when to do it — for students with a developmental disability

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If my child has a developmental disability, here are some timelines of activities to do.

<p>15-16</p>	<p>Apply for a Washington State I.D. card.</p> <p>WHY: It will be needed to apply for adult services.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get an I.D. card at your local Department of Licensing
<p>16</p>	<p>Apply to become a client of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).</p> <p>WHY: You may want these service options when your son/daughter turns 21. Long term job coaching support is based on availability of funding.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/
<p>17-17½</p>	<p>Consider if guardianship is necessary and determine the type of guardianship.</p> <p>WHY: Age 18 is the age of majority (becoming a legal adult) and your son/daughter may need support making legal, medical and vocational decisions.</p>	<p>Guardianship</p>
<p>17-19</p>	<p>Apply for HUD Housing.</p> <p>WHY: The wait list for housing can be very long, so it is important to apply early.</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>If your child does not receive Social Security Benefits – apply now!</p> <p>WHY: He or she is now an adult and parents' income is not counted. He/she may be eligible for cash and medical benefits. There are many provisions available, called WORK INCENTIVES, that allow people with disabilities to keep benefits, including Medicare/Medicaid, while working. He or she needs to pay rent to the family in order to maximize all benefits.</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>Ask your DDA case manager about Medicaid Personal Care funding if your son or daughter is a client of DDA and the family provides personal care (help with bathing, grooming, dressing, laundry, etc.).</p>	<p>Medicaid Personal Care Funding</p>
<p>Young Men 18</p>	<p>Register for Selective Services.</p> <p>WHY: It's the law. Also, if planning to apply for financial aid to attend college, applying for Selective Service is required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply on line at: http://www.sss.gov • Get a form from your local post office. • Return the form that comes in the mail.
<p>Senior Year</p>	<p>Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).</p> <p>WHY: If seeking aid to attend college, this form must be filled out by March 1 of Senior year for best consideration.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.fafsa.ed.gov
<p>19-21 or last year of school</p>	<p>Apply for services with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).</p> <p>WHY: This agency helps people with disabilities become employed and understands how working will affect people's benefits.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr/
<p>Anytime</p>	<p>Apply for job search assistance with WorkSource Youth Services.</p> <p>WHY: This is the local program that can help self-directed job seekers find part time and/or summer employment to help develop work skills.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.go2worksource.com
<p>Anytime</p>	<p>Call for local transit system bus Travel Training and Paratransit services.</p> <p>WHY: This is free training for people who want to learn to be independent on the bus and flexible alternative public transportation for people with disabilities and the elderly.</p>	<p>Travel Training & Paratransit Services</p>
<p>Anytime</p>	<p>Apply for services at a local Center for Independent Living (CIL). The State Independent Living Council [SILC] can help you find local resources.</p> <p>WHY: These organizations provide support for independent living skills development, advocacy, and benefits planning.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.wasilc.org