



Transition Planning

Planning and Learning for Life after High School
for students with an MID exceptionality
at Eastdale



Agenda

- * 6:00 – 6:15 Welcome & Dinner
- * 6:15 - 7:00 Transitions Planning Presentation
- * 7:00 - 7:30 Question & Answer
- * 7:30 - 8:00 Application Form Support, Resource Table

Goals

- * Our goal is to help students be able to live independently and make a positive contribution to their communities.

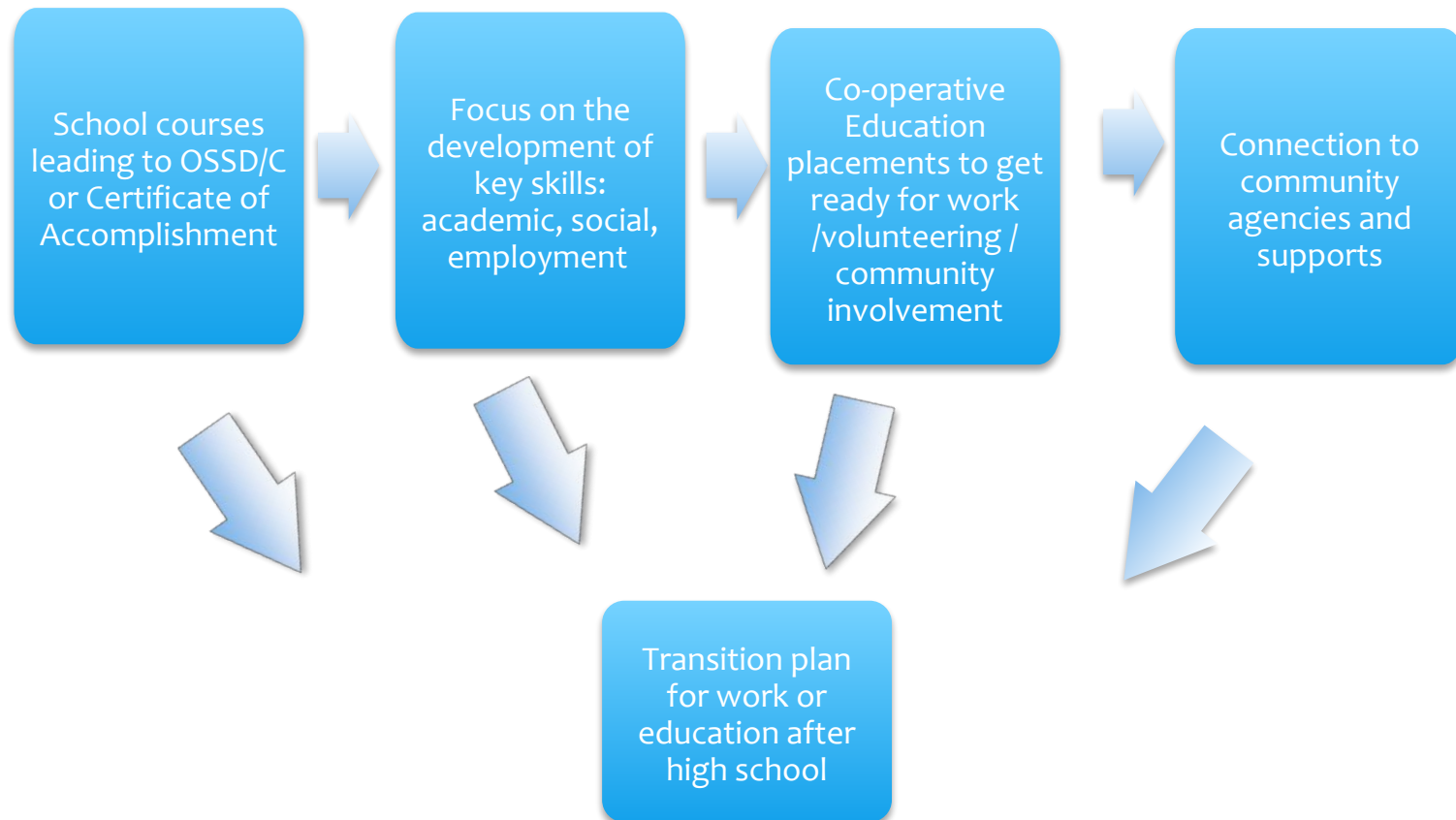


Goals

- * Our goal for transition planning includes
 - * Educating ourselves (school AND families AND students) about supports, services and agencies beyond the school
 - * Helping to make the connections to these supports



The Eastdale Process



How do we do this?

- * Creating a team of school-parent/guardian-student to work together



Tools

- * Helping to make sure we have all necessary documents in place.



Post-Secondary Education Options

- * Students with an OSSD may be eligible to apply to college programs.
- * Program eligibility will depend on the courses.

OSSD	OSSC / Certification of Accomplishment
College programs Workplace and possibly college level option	College programs: College Vocational (GBC) CICE (e.g. Humber, Durham, etc.)

Researching Post Secondary Options

All Ontario Colleges and programs can be searched easily through the Ontario Colleges website:

www.ontariocolleges.ca

All students also have access to a comprehensive search through MyBlueprint: www.myblueprint.ca. Eastdale students can set up their account with Mr. Perry

Applying & Paying for College

- * Most college programs are eligible for OSAP (grant & Loan) funding.
- * Depending on family income, many students will qualify for grants that would cover most or all of the tuition cost
- * Eligibility for Bursary for students with disabilities

Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)

What is it?

Central organization that manages access to all government-funded services for adults with developmental disabilities

- Decides who is eligible for services
- Keeps a waitlist and referral for services
- Operated by Surrey Place, in Toronto

When to apply?

Starting at 16

Will assess for eligibility (psycho-educational report, plus proof of age and where you live)

Then have to wait for an assessment of needs (up to 24months!), then wait for the funded service (2-4 years, or sooner with urgent need)

Who gets it?

18+, with a developmental disability

Most students with an MID designation will be eligible, but not all.

Developmental Services Ontario Passport Funding

What is it?

Passport funding can be used for:

- community classes or recreational programs
- develop work, volunteer, and daily life skills
- hire a support worker
- person-directed planning to reach their goals
- Temporary respite for caregivers

When to apply?

Starting at 16 as part of your DSO registration.

Will assess for eligibility (psycho-educational report, plus proof of age and where you live)

Then have to wait for an assessment of needs (up to 24months!)

Who gets it?

18+, with a developmental disability who:

- need support to participate in the community while they are still in school, or;
- have left school and are living on their own, with family or independently in a supportive living arrangement.

ODSP – INCOME SUPPORTS

What is it?

Social Assistance (income) for adults living with a disability.

Can include money for basic needs as well as money for rent

Can also include health benefits (drug card, special diet, dental, etc.)

When to apply?

6 months before 18th birthday

Will assess for

- Financial eligibility
- If DSO eligible, then you are ODSP eligible.

Who gets it?

- 18 and over
- Financially eligible (less than \$40,000 in assets)

Must show you have a disability. DSO letter of eligibility is enough proof of this.

ODSP – EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

What is it?

Money & Service to help people with a disability find and keep work

Can include:

Job coaching & training

interpreter services

Specialized computer training

Tools and equipment

The services are provided by an agency that the individual chooses from a list.

When to apply?

Usually towards the end of high school.

- Application form
- Proof of disability (DSO letter of eligibility will count as proof).

Who is gets it?

16+. You do NOT have to be on ODSP to be eligible.

Must show you have:

- A disability .
- The disability makes it hard for you to find or keep a job
- You have to be “competitively employable”.

PERSON-DIRECTED PLANNING

What is it?

Helps students to make a plan for life in their community by choosing goals and finding connections, services, and supports with the help of families and/or other people of their choice.

Can include:

- finding volunteer or work opportunities
- Building independence
- Linking to services

When to apply?

Before age 18, if possible

However service can be accessed at any time, usually for a fee

Who gets it?

This service can be FREE for individuals between 14 and 18 who have a developmental disability

After 18, it can be purchased, or funded through DSO eligibility.

RESPITE SERVICES

What is it?	When to apply?	Who gets it?
<p>a short planned break from the physical and emotional demands involved in caring for a family member who has a disability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes some camp options (march break, summer)• Some overnight• CHAP worker	<p>Under 18 if diagnosis of developmental disability</p> <p>18 if eligible for DSO</p>	<p>18 years + and eligible for services through Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)</p> <p>Under 18 must have a diagnosis of a developmental disability including autism and/or a physical disability, visual or hearing impairment.</p>

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

- * www.ConnectAbility.ca
 - * A detailed collection of information and excellent resource, including discussion forums
- * www.mycommunityhub.ca
 - * A detailed listing of programs and services, with date, cost and registration information
- * www.partnersforplanning.ca
 - * Focus on financial information and planning for persons with disabilities
- * www.dsotoronto.ca
 - * Main site for Developmental Services Ontario

Important Resources

- * www.respiteservices.com
 - * Can help with respite, and applications to Special Services at Home or Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- * www.MyDirectPlan.com
 - * Can help with managing SSAH or Passport Funding



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