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# **Transition to Adulthood**

One of the most crucial stages of development for those with FASD is the transition from adolescence to adulthood. This period, filled with significant changes and decisions, can be overwhelming for both individuals with FASD and caregivers.

Transition services for individuals with FASD are multifaceted, aimed at ensuring a smooth shift to adulthood. These services include educational and vocational training, life skills, social and emotional support, healthcare planning, caregiver resources, community integration, and tailored plans with ongoing adjustments.

Education and Employment	<ul> <li>Special Education Services: Tailored education plans, often involving IEPs or 504 plans. It is important to have clearly defined measurable goals in the IEP including transition goals.</li> <li>Vocational Training: Focused on developing job skills that match the individual's abilities and interests.</li> <li>Job Placement and Support: Assistance in finding suitable employment and support in the workplace.</li> </ul>
Independent Living Skills	<b>Daily Living Skills:</b> Training in areas like personal hygiene, cooking, and budgeting. <b>Decision-Making Skills:</b> Guidance in making informed choices and understanding consequences.
Healthcare Transition	<b>Medical Management:</b> Ongoing healthcare to address FASD- related health issues. <b>Transitioning to Adult Healthcare Providers:</b> Ensuring continuity of care as the individual moves from pediatric to adult healthcare services.
Emotional and Behavioral Support	<b>Counseling and Therapy:</b> Addressing mental health issues, emotional regulation, and behavioral challenges. <b>Support Groups:</b> Peer support can be beneficial for both individuals with FASD and their families.

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### **Transition to Adulthood Resources**

Resources	<b>Transition Services In School</b> https://www.parentcenterhub.org/iep-transition/
	Applying For Social Security
	benefitshttps://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/
	Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-Ets)
	https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/files/Pre-ETS-Basics.pdf
	The Arc
	https://thearc.org
	Easterseals
	https://www.easterseals.com
	Center For Independent Living
	https://www.ilru.org/projects/cil-net/cil-center-and-
	association-directory



For additional information see *The Notes From the Navigator* Transition to Adulthood Newsletter

#### **Need Resources And Support ?**

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