

The Minnesota Shared Vision for Youth is an initiative organized to strengthen coordination, communication, and collaboration among youth-serving agencies to support the neediest youth and their healthy transition to successful adult roles and responsibilities.

This Resource Directory was organized with input from members of the Minnesota Shared Vision for Youth team. For additional information and resources for youth please visit the [Shared Vision for Youth](#) website.

<b>PACER Center</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p>PACER Center is Minnesota’s parent Training and Information Center providing advocacy, information, and referral to Minnesota families of youth with disabilities. PACER delivers many parents training workshops free to Minnesota parents, as well as professional capacity building sessions for staff working with youth. PACER’s Project C3 has created 2 valuable web sites for youth, families, and professionals who are searching for transition resources for youth. <a href="http://www.c3online.org">www.c3online.org</a> is a clearinghouse of links to web sites that provide transition resources on such topics as employment and education. Minnesota’s searchable online database of youth serving organizations is found at <a href="http://c3.ilivehere.info">http://c3.ilivehere.info</a>. Both resources would allow a foster youth or the professionals working with them the ability to find programs and supports locally.</p>	<p>Program staff can access the C3 web sites at any time and use them. They are offered free of charge to the public. PACER staff can also be considered for providing staff capacity building trainings on a variety of transition topics from working with schools to strategies for youth with disabilities to find employment.</p>
<b>ISEEK</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p>ISEEK is Minnesota’s career, education and job resource. The free Web site can help any student or job seeker find college and job training options, explore careers, master the job search and more. ISEEK was redesigned in 2009 to make it easier for young people, immigrants and refugees, ex-offenders, parents/guardians, career counselors and other Minnesotans to find the education and career information relevant to them.</p> <p><b>ISEEK Content Highlights:</b>  <b>Career Exploration:</b> Skills and interest assessments; descriptions for 500 occupations with labor market information and education/training requirements; content on emerging careers ( green careers, energy, health care, STEM and other in-demand industries). Also separate Web sites for Minnesota regional education and career information.  <b>Employment:</b> Explanation of how to use labor market</p>	<p>Agencies can (and some currently do) use ISEEK as main resource in career exploration or college prep classes/workshops. Activities can be designed to encourage youth to use ISEEK to find pertinent career or college information.</p> <p>Web site can be used as a reference to look up salary, education or LMI information about occupations. Occupation information can be used to confirm or re-direct youths' career choices. Web site can be used as a reference when researching Minnesota colleges and universities. College information listed down to the course level for campuses and online programs. With permission, content can be repurposed and customized for specific audiences. I.E. Translating to different languages, highlighting content appropriate for 16-24 year olds. Printed materials include <i>Pathways to Success: <a href="#">Helping Your Minnesota Teen with College and Career Decisions</a></i> and regional supplements such as the <i>ACE Resource Guide</i> (South Central Minnesota).</p>

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<p>information; job search content, including resume, interview, negotiation and other basics; tips for applying for first job; content about process and etiquette when applying for jobs; an explanation of employment benefits; content for managing job loss and transition; partnership with MinnesotaWorks.net job bank; and lists of public employment services. Also specific job search content for new Americans, ex-offenders, veterans and people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Job Training:</b> Explanation of work-readiness and transferable skills; work-based learning; apprenticeship; internships; short-term training; online learning; adult basic education; and ESL classes.</p> <p><b>Independent Living Skills:</b> Goal setting and decision making; Reality Check, budgeting and cost-of-living content; dealing with transition.</p> <p><b>Post-Secondary/Education Attainment:</b> State's complete WIA program list; preparing for college; choosing a college or major; financial aid and scholarship information; college admission process; search for online and in-class programs or courses by various criteria; and contact information for all private and public colleges in Minnesota.</p>	
<b>MnCareers</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p><i>MnCareers</i> is a comprehensive annual print publication for education and career exploration. All information is presented in an easy-to-read format that is engaging to students and young adults. The goal of <i>MnCareers</i> is to provide accurate, current information to help Minnesotans make informed career and education decisions. The majority of the content directs readers to existing resources and services and is produced through partnerships with state agencies, including Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, University of Minnesota, Department of Education, Office of Higher Education, and others.</p> <p><b><i>MnCareers</i> Content Highlights:</b></p> <p><b>Career Exploration:</b> Simple interest assessment; overview of 16 career clusters; descriptions of 200 Minnesota occupations (including salary and education/training requirements)</p> <p><b>Employment:</b> Explanation of how to use labor market information; "How to Job Search" content, including resume</p>	<p><b><i>MnCareers</i></b></p> <p>Agencies can (and some currently do) purchase <i>MnCareers</i> to use as a text book in career exploration or college prep classes/workshops. Using the publication provides accurate, consistent information.</p> <p>Agency leaders can use excerpts of <i>MnCareers</i> and its online <i>Facilitator Guide</i> in conjunction with existing career and education services it provides.</p> <p>Publication can be used as a reference to look up salary, education or labor market information for specific occupations. Occupation information can be used to confirm or re-direct youths' career choices.</p> <p>Publication can be used as a reference when researching Minnesota colleges and universities. Content can be customized to highlight specific content or for a specific audience. I.E: The last three years, five <i>MnCareers</i> regional print supplements for different areas of Minnesota have been produced. Some agencies have custom ordered the publication with their contact information printed on the back cover of <i>MnCareers</i>.</p> <p><i>MnCareers</i> distribution begins in September of each year.</p>

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<p>and interview basics; job retention tips; an explanation of employment benefits and labor laws; and lists of public employment services.</p> <p><b>Job Training:</b> Explanation of work-readiness and transferable skills; work-based learning; Apprenticeship and military content.</p> <p><b>Independent Living Skills:</b> Decision making and cost-of-living content.</p> <p><b>Post-Secondary/Education Attainment:</b> Detailed information about aligning career and education goals; choosing a college; financial aid; college admission process; and contact information for private and public colleges.</p>	
<b>Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p>Job Corps is a program for 16-24 year olds focusing on education and vocational skill attainment in order to have a self sufficient life post enrollment. Job Corps offers free housing, job training, independent living skills training, post secondary scholarships, and basic medical and dental coverage while enrolled.</p> <p>Job Corps has GED/HSD programs, driver’s license training, social/employability skills, vocational training in nursing, construction, culinary arts, finance, business, painting and wallpapering. Job Corps has partnerships with MCTC, St. Paul College, Dunwoody and Summit OIC for students to get additional advanced college/training for free.</p> <p>Graduates will receive follow up services for one year after leaving the program to ensure stable housing, employment and educational goals have been met equaling overall self sufficiency and an independent lifestyle.</p>	<p>Each Thursday the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center in St. Paul has an Orientation that gives an overview of the program and tour. Youth serving agencies/workers/youth are encouraged to attend and learn more about the program; please call 1-800-934-5627.</p>
<b>DEED – Job Seeker Services/Youth Development</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p>The <b>Workforce Investment Act Title 1B Youth Program</b> provides long-term, year-round employment and training services to economically disadvantaged youth, ages 14 to 21. Local Workforce Investment Boards/Youth Councils provide oversight to federally-funded youth programs which operate statewide. The WIA eligibility criteria targets federal dollars to economically disadvantaged youth. Participants have access to work experience in high-growth industries (including healthcare and manufacturing) along with aid in the form of</p>	<p>To locate a WIA funded youth program by county, see the WIA Youth homepage on DEED’s youth website:  <a href="http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/assets/youth/services/providers.shtml">http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/assets/youth/services/providers.shtml</a></p> <p>Contact information for WIA Youth Recovery Act services by county can be found on the DEED Youth Recovery Act website:  <a href="http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/All_Programs_Services/Office_of_Youth_Development/">http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/All_Programs_Services/Office_of_Youth_Development/</a></p>

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<p>tuition assistance and transportation. The <b>WIA Youth Recovery Act</b> expands summer youth and year-round services to youth ages 14 to 24. Youth gain work experience and work readiness credentials.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.federalrecoveryact.gov/youth-program-funding/index.aspx">Federal Recovery Act Youth Program Funding/index.aspx</a></p>
<p>The <b>Minnesota Youth Program (MYP)</b> provides short-term, contextualized and active/individualized training services for at-risk youth, ages 14 to 21. Coordinated at the local level by the Workforce Investment Boards/Youth Councils, MYP eligibility criteria is more flexible (inclusive) than the WIA youth program. MYP permits stand-alone summer youth employment. MYP serves an extremely disadvantaged group of young men and women: participants have multiple challenges such as substance abuse, criminal records, mental health issues, and cognitive learning limitations, in addition to being poor.</p>	<p>To locate a MYP funded youth program by county, see the MYP Youth homepage on DEED's youth website:  <a href="http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/assets/youth/services/providers.shtml">http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/assets/youth/services/providers.shtml</a></p>
<p>The <b>Youthbuild (YB) Program</b> trains and employs young adults, ages 16 to 24, in construction, increasing their job-specific building trade skills, basic skills, employability skills, and leadership skills. Communities benefit from highly visible construction projects undertaken by young adults which expand affordable housing for needy families. There are eleven state-funded YB service providers.</p>	<p>To locate a Youthbuild provider, see the Youthbuild homepage on DEED's youth website:  <a href="http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/JobSeekers/Find_a_Job/Employment_for_At-Risk_Youth/Youthbuild_Program.aspx">http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/JobSeekers/Find_a_Job/Employment_for_At-Risk_Youth/Youthbuild_Program.aspx</a></p>
<p>The <b>TANF Summer Youth Program</b> is a joint partnership between the Minnesota Departments of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and Human Services (DHS), and the Minnesota Workforce Council Association (MWCA) to provide summer youth opportunities to youth (ages 14 to 24) with emphasis on the first three priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>First Priority:</b> Teen Parents, ages 16 through 24, who are on MFIP.</li> <li>• <b>Second Priority:</b> Younger youth, ages 16 through 18, who are on the grant in MFIP households.</li> <li>• <b>Third Priority:</b> Older youth, ages 19 through 24, who are in MFIP households but not on the grant.</li> <li>• <b>Fourth Priority:</b> Other older and younger youth, ages 14 through 24, who are in TANF-eligible families (at or below 200% of the poverty level, with a minor child in the household).</li> </ul>	<p>To locate a TANF Summer Youth Program provider, see the TANF Summer Youth homepage on DEED's youth website:  <a href="http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/assets/youth/services/providers.shtml">http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/assets/youth/services/providers.shtml</a></p>

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<b>DEED – Rehabilitation Services and Pathways to Employment</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p><b>Rehabilitation Services:</b> Offers career planning services and supports to youth and adults with disabilities, with recommended referrals made at age 16. Rehabilitation Services works with consumers long-term, all the way until they are successfully employed and stable on the job. Rehabilitation Services works with people age 16-retirement age on work-related concerns.</p> <p><b>Pathways to Employment (PTE):</b> Is not a program, it is an initiative. However, the goal of the initiative is to see increased employment outcomes for both youth and adults with disabilities. There are a number of activities funded or supported by PTE that relate to youth. One model that I would like to point out in particular is the “Minnesota Camps to Careers”- a comprehensive career development approach. Last summer we had 55 youth in Central Minnesota attended camps, and are now working on next steps in career planning. A number of youth also resided in foster care settings- so there is great overlap in our work. We are expanding this year too- so it would be great to have discussions about this.</p>	<p>Rehabilitation Services: We have 18 teams across the state- having localized meetings with them to talk about collaboration would be great. Furthermore, we have a counselor assigned to every high school in the state, and have a directory on our website. Staff can connect this way to discuss particular cases and how to work together.</p> <p>Pathways to Employment activities are often done in groups consisting of a broad range of local stakeholders. Again, using the Camps to Careers program as an example, we try to be as comprehensive in our regional planning as possible- and I could be a resource on this. Another idea for collaborating with disability-related organizations is through the local Community Transition Interagency Committees.</p>
<b>DEED – State Services for the Blind (SSB)</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p>Services for the Blind (SSB): SSB doesn't see limitations, only opportunities, for people with a significant vision loss who want to become employed or remain employed. Individuals who are blind, visually impaired or Deafblind can apply for services as early as age 14. SSB counselors work with eligible individuals to help them obtain the skills of blindness as well as the vocational training they require to become successfully employed. Once the person is stable on the desired job, their case is closed with SSB. However, should the person need future assistance with keeping their job, getting another job or advancing in their career field, they can reapply for services. Counselors are knowledgeable about the multiple electronic devices, both hardware and software, utilized by the blind/visually impaired and Deafblind to access print and be successful in school or work. SSB assistive technology specialists can provide comprehensive assessments of the technology skills and needs of a student on a statewide basis. These specialists will make detailed recommendations of the</p>	<p>SSB has sixteen vocational rehabilitation counselors who serve the entire state. Six offices in St. Paul and the remaining ten in Workforce Centers around the state. Each counselor in greater MN is assigned a territory and will travel to meet with students in their respective school district. Counselors in the St. Paul office serve the Metro area and also travel to the various school districts. Students must apply and be determined eligible for services but, with parent or student permission, the counselor can attend an IEP meeting to provide information about SSB prior to the student applying for services. Call 1-800-652-9000 for the name and contact information of the SSB counselor in your region.</p>

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assistive technology a student would require to succeed in school or work.	
<b>Adult Basic Education</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
Adult Basic Education programs provide basic core literacy skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening, math, employability, technology) instruction, credentialing (diploma, GED, National Work Readiness Credential, Essential Skills Credential) and education/training/employment transition programming (pre-CNA, CDL, Boilermaker, transition to college) to youth and adults who have officially dropped out of high school.	Minnesota ABE programs (most anyway ☺) actively work with partner agencies including colleges, workforce centers and community-based organizations and are interested in participating in collaborative, articulated and well-coordinated programming. A best first step in establishing a relationship is to contact the local ABE program manager. Consortium map and contact information can be found at <a href="http://mnabe.themlc.org">http://mnabe.themlc.org</a> .
<b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
Education and Training Vouchers - The program provides money to youth who have experienced an out-of-home placement to attend post-secondary education/vocational programs. Awards can be up to \$5,000 per school year to pay for tuition, fees, books, transportation, housing, and other school-related costs. It is designed to complement the student's own efforts to secure financial means to attend post-secondary school. DHS administers the ETV program and contracts with Ramsey County, Hennepin County, and Lutheran Social Services (LSS)-Willmar to coordinate the program for youth in their assigned area.	<p><b>Statewide program:</b> Serves all other eligible youth and is coordinated by LSS-Willmar. For an application, questions about the program and an application due date contact the DHS ETV coordinator, <a href="mailto:ETVcoordinator@state.mn.us">ETVcoordinator@state.mn.us</a>, (651) 431-4663. For more information about the ETV program go to the DHS public website, click on Children, then Adolescents and then Education/Training Vouchers.</p> <p><b>Ramsey County program:</b> Serves eligible youth who have a Ramsey County social worker. For an application, questions about the program, and an application due date, contact Gayle Kittleson, <a href="mailto:Gayle.Kittleson@co.ramsey.mn.us">Gayle.Kittleson@co.ramsey.mn.us</a>, (651) 266-4705.</p> <p><b>Hennepin County program:</b> Serves eligible youth who have a Hennepin County worker. For an application, questions about the program, and an application due date, contact your worker or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:HSPH.EYI@co.hennepin.mn.us">HSPH.EYI@co.hennepin.mn.us</a>.</p>
<a href="#">YouthCorner</a> offers online access to statewide community resources for youth; including housing, education, jobs, money management, legal, transportation, community connections, and health care. Information can be found by topic area or location.	Click on the link in the box to the left or go to the MinnesotaHelp.info and click on Youth Corner. <a href="http://www.minnesotahelp.info/public">http://www.minnesotahelp.info/public</a>
The Department has developed a resource rich, best practices guide to assist youth workers with Helping Youth Transition From Out-Of-HomeCare To Adulthood.	<a href="#">Helping Youth Transition from Out-of-Home Care to Adulthood</a> , DHS Best Practice Guide, October 2006.
<b>Healthy Transition and Homeless Prevention (HTHP) grants</b>	
DHS – Adolescent Services administers grant funds to 18 youth-serving community agencies to provide transition services and support to both youth currently in foster care and youth who recently experience foster care. The programs are designed to coordinate with other public services and move the	HTHP programs are administered through grants awarded to youth-serving community agencies throughout the state by the Department of Human Services-Child Safety and Permanency Division. For more information about HTHP programs contact Kathleen Hiniker at <a href="mailto:Kathleen.A.Hiniker@state.mn.us">Kathleen.A.Hiniker@state.mn.us</a> or 651-431-4707.

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<p>youth towards the completion of eleven specific transition goals.</p>	
<p><b>Homeless Youth Services &amp; Housing</b></p>	
<p>Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) Programs-RHYA includes five programs within the continuum of services for at-risk, runaway and homeless youth which include street outreach, drop-in centers, emergency shelters, transitional living programs and youth supportive housing. Street outreach services locate, contact and provide information, referrals and basic needs supplies to runaway and homeless youth. Drop-in Centers provide youth with walk-in access to crisis intervention and ongoing supportive services including one-to-one case management on a self-referral basis. Emergency shelter programs provide runaway and homeless youth with walk-in access to emergency short-term residential care and also provide services such as family reunification, individual/family/group counseling, clothing, access to medical and dental care, education/employment services, independent living skills training, transportation and aftercare. Transitional Living Programs and youth supportive housing programs provide the same supportive services mentioned for the emergency shelter program and additionally provide a longer-term housing option when youth cannot be reunified with their families. The goal of transitional living programs and youth supportive housing programs is to help youth transition into a healthy adulthood with the appropriate independent living skills, financial management skills, career planning, higher education and stable &amp; affordable housing.</p>	<p>The RHYA program is administered by homeless youth serving organizations throughout the state with funding through the Department of Human Services-Office of Economic Opportunity (through the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, MN Statute 256K.45). For more information or a complete list of homeless youth serving organizations please contact Beth Holger-Ambrose at <a href="mailto:beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us">beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us</a> or 651-431-3823.</p> <p>RHYA programs can serve youth who are at-risk of homelessness, runaway youth and homeless youth up to age 22.</p>
<p>Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESGP) and Emergency Services Program (ESP) - ESGP and the ESP program provide emergency shelter and emergency services programming such as street outreach, homeless prevention or drop-in center programming.</p> <p>During the state fiscal years of 2010 and 2011 there is an additional Emergency Shelter Grant program funding (ESG) provided through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). This ARRA program is called the “Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program” or HPRP. The program provides homeless prevention to families, adults and youth who are at risk of becoming homeless as well as Rapid</p>	<p>ESGP, ESP or HPRP programs are administered through grants awarded to family, adult or youth homeless programs throughout the state by the Department of Human Services-Office of Economic Opportunity. For more information contact Beth Holger-Ambrose at <a href="mailto:beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us">beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us</a> or 651-431-3823.</p>

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<p>Re-Housing services to families, adults and youth who are currently homeless.</p>	
<p>Transitional Housing Program (THP)-The THP program provides housing, case management and supportive services for families, adults and youth who are currently homeless for up to two years. The youth THP programs are the same as the transitional living programs (TLP).</p>	<p>THP programs are administered through grants awarded to family, adult or youth homeless programs throughout the state by the Department of Human Services-Office of Economic Opportunity. For more information about youth THP programs contact Beth Holger-Ambrose at <a href="mailto:beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us">beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us</a> or 651-431-3823.</p>
<p>Support Services for Rural Homeless Youth-State and Local Demonstration Project (SSRHY)-the SSRHY program is a demonstration project funded by the Family and Youth Services Bureau out of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services-Administration of Children &amp; Families. This is a five year project-the first year of which is to design and develop a TLP/ILP program for homeless youth in rural areas through state/local community/youth collaboration. The planning year for this project has been completed and implementation will begin in October of 2009. The SSRHY program that has been developed will provide TLP/ILP services for homeless youth in the Brainerd area as well as on the Bois Forte and Leech Lake Reservations. The design for this program was driven by the homeless youth who participated in the planning process. It will also be a culturally specific program for youth on the Leech Lake and Bois Forte Reservations and at all three sites will incorporate youth leadership throughout the programming.</p>	<p>The SSRHY program will be implemented by Lutheran Social Services of Brainerd, Bois Forte and Leech Lake Reservations. For more information on the SSRHY Demonstration project please contact Beth Holger-Ambrose at <a href="mailto:beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us">beth.holger-ambrose@state.mn.us</a> or 651-431-3823.</p>
<b>Junior Achievement</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p>Junior Achievement (JA) connects kids with business people, so students get hands-on, real world experience in how to work and manage money in a global economy. JA uniquely teaches kids entrepreneurship, work readiness &amp; financial literacy by connecting businesses directly to schools. JA connects local business people with kids. These volunteers add real-world experience to classroom education.</p>	<p>Information on the complete Junior Achievement in-school programs is available to K-12 teachers by contacting the local Junior Achievement office (<a href="http://www.jaum.org">www.jaum.org</a>). Additionally, Junior Achievement has free resources to parents also available online at <a href="http://www.jaum.org">www.jaum.org</a>.</p>
<b>Youth Community Connections</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p>Youth Community Connections (YCC) is Minnesota's statewide alliance focused on afterschool, summer and year-round learning opportunities. YCC supports quality non-formal learning opportunities after school, during the summer and in the community because they <i>connect</i> children and youth to caring adults, <i>engage</i> young people in their own learning and</p>	<p>Stakeholders can access information on trainings, find the latest research and determine how they can best contribute to local and statewide efforts to ensure children and youth have access to learning opportunities in their community beyond the classroom by visiting the YCC website at <a href="http://www.youthcommunityconnections.org">www.youthcommunityconnections.org</a>.</p>

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<p><i>support</i> their contributions to their families, communities, state and world.</p> <p>YCC brings systems-level stakeholders such as public and private agencies/funders, training organizations and other statewide youth serving associations and providers together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Build Voice</i> – promote the value of afterschool, summer and year-round opportunities and the beneficial role these experiences have in the development of young people.</li> <li>• <i>Inform &amp; Support</i> – build relationships that connect practitioners, providers, organizations, communities and systems to engage them in their own learning about the field and support their ability to contribute to the improvement of the field of afterschool.</li> <li>• <i>Convene</i> – pull together public and private stakeholders to allow for unfettered development of policy and to better coordinate and leverage existing resources that support afterschool, summer and year-round opportunities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Minnesota Department of Education</b>	
<b>Transition Service</b>	<b>How to access services</b>
<p>Secondary Transition Planning is the process of preparing students for life after high school and includes planning for post-secondary education or training, employment, and independent living. Secondary Transition Planning is required for all students with disabilities during grade 9. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities.</p> <p>Minnesota Department of Education provides an array of services and resources to youth in their transition process. There is a conscious effort to build their work experience programs throughout the state and also develop a more systematic approach to career development.</p> <p>The development of a new leadership structure for the Carl Perkins funding has established a means for students to access a Program of Study (POS) and other services offered throughout a region. They will find hundreds of POS that align coursework between secondary and post secondary settings.</p>	<p>Services are individualized and determined through the IEP process. Resource can be found at <a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE</a> under Special Education as well as <a href="http://idea.ed.gov">http://idea.ed.gov</a>. For more information on secondary transition contact Jayne Spain at <a href="mailto:jayne.spain@state.mn.us">jayne.spain@state.mn.us</a> or 651-582-8515.</p> <p>At the MDE website there are multiple resources that can assist in career development and work experience. These can be found at: <a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE</a> under College and Career Readiness.</p> <p>A Pathways to Success Parent’s guide has also been developed and available in multiple languages. This can be found at: <a href="http://www.cte.mnscu.edu/programs/index.html">http://www.cte.mnscu.edu/programs/index.html</a></p> <p>Work Based general information can also be found at the MDE website listed above but under the Career and Technical Education section.</p> <p>Program of Study’s information can be found here. <a href="http://www.cte.mnscu.edu/programs/index.html">http://www.cte.mnscu.edu/programs/index.html</a></p> <p>For more information on these programs/resources contact Al Hauge at <a href="mailto:al.hauge@state.mn.us">al.hauge@state.mn.us</a> or 651-582-8409</p>
<p>The purpose of the Minnesota State Interagency Coordination (MnSIC) system planning initiative is to assist local school</p>	<p>Additional resources can be found at <a href="http://education.state.mn.us/MDE">http://education.state.mn.us/MDE</a> under Special Education. For more information contact Robyn Widley at <a href="mailto:robyn.widley@state.mn.us">robyn.widley@state.mn.us</a></p>

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<p>board and county boards to establish a coordinated service system for children with disabilities, ages 3 – 21, and their families. The MnSIC initiative brings together seven state public agencies to make needed policy changes so that a coordinated service system is developed.</p>	<p>or Loraine Jensen at <a href="mailto:Loraine.F.Jensen@state.mn.us">Loraine.F.Jensen@state.mn.us</a></p>
<p><b>Social Security Administration</b></p>	
<p><b>Transition Service</b></p>	<p><b>How to access services</b></p>
<p>Social Security Administration manages two programs that provide benefits based on disability or blindness, the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.</p>	<p>Additional resources can be found at <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov">http://www.socialsecurity.gov</a> or by calling 1-800-772-1213.</p>