

ABOUT TRANSITION

Transition is the ongoing process that helps your student successfully move from the K-12 school system to adult life. Transition planning takes a team. It is an ongoing and step-by-step process that uses information about your student to create goals for life after high school and a path to reach those goals.

MISSION:

To prepare students for participation in the community by engaging in learning opportunities tailored to their unique needs and abilities in order to reach their post secondary goals.

VISION:

To provide continuing education for post high school students with disabilities to live their adult lives as productive, independent, and engaged community members.



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TAHOMA STUDENT TRANSITION PROGRAM



TAHOMA
Future Ready Students

GOALS:

Unique intern job training and leadership needs can be met through:

- IEP - Post secondary goals
- Pathways - Empower the individual with disabilities to develop skills necessary to achieve their full potential
- Projects - prepare individuals for community and life experiences
- Job Readiness - create resumes, interview skills for future employment, and successful workplace skills.
- Community access to develop leisure skills, practice functional academics in real life settings and the use of public transportation (Metro / Access) when appropriate



Job sites are developed each year based on student needs and interests.

The following are some of the businesses where students are currently participating in work experiences:

Safeway / Grocery Outlet

Greeting Customers, Stocking Merchandise, Community Access

Meals on Wheels

Meal Delivery, Community Access

Maple Valley Food Bank

Greeting Customers, Stocking Of Pantry, Community Access

Walgreens

Stocking Merchandise, Greeting Customers, Community Access

Arboretum

Landscaping, Community Access

Elk Run

Mulching, Planting, Weeding of Community Garden Beds, Community Access

Johnsons Home and Garden

Stocking Merchandise, Greeting Customers, Community Access

Maple Valley Community Center

Serving Meals To Seniors, Greeting Staff And Seniors, Bussing Tables, Community Access

AGENCY SUPPORTS ARE:

DDA- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION

DDA is the state level administration within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) that serves people who meet their specific and strict criteria of “developmental disability”. DDA services are varied such as employment services, assistance providing personal care, respite services, environmental modification, and housing. Families must apply for these services and we can provide support and assistance with the application process.

DVR- DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

DVR is the state level administration with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) that serves people who qualify. This agency provides services to individuals who want to work but need services due to a physical, sensory, cognitive or mental disability. A DVR counselor works with each individual one-to-one to design a customized, step-by-step plan to achieve the desired job goal. We will assist with this process.

SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM

The STW program is a partnership between King County DDA and DVR. The focus is for individuals with disabilities to obtain employment in their final year of a transition program. Students must qualify for DDA services and be committed to seeking employment. STW takes place in the school year in which the individual turns 21. The application process occurs in the fall prior to that year. We will assist with this process.