

# TRANSITIONING FROM SCHOOL AT AGE 21

TAKE ONE STEP AT A TIME TO GET CONNECTED TO EMPLOYMENT AND YOUR COMMUNITY



## **Step One:** APPLY FOR SERVICES WITH THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION

**Developmental Disabilities Administration** DDA serves individuals of all ages. It is important to connect early. A case manager can help you understand services available and connect you to resources that can enrich your life. To apply call: **800-788-2053/425-740-6400** or [www.dshs.wa.gov/dda](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda)

**Informing Families Building Trust** A website to provide current information about changes in the DD delivery system as well as resources to help families better understand what is available to them. [www.informingfamilies.org](http://www.informingfamilies.org)

**Planning Services** Planning is available to help DDA eligible participants who are interested in pursuing employment and need assistance to brainstorm and develop employment goals and next steps. Contact your DDA case manager for a referral. **800-788-2053/425-740-6400**

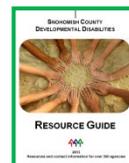


## **Step Two:** IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT TRANSITION, CONTACT SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRANSITION COORDINATOR

Once you are determined DDA eligible, the Snohomish County Transition Coordinator can help you navigate the adult service system and connect to community resources and employment services. **425-388-7476**

**Check Out: Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Publications for additional information at [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/dd](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/dd)**

- Resource Guide
- Career Path Services
- Building a Successful Future
- Community Plan



**Snohomish County Transition Network** A partnership with schools, providers, and professionals invested in the transition process for students age 18-21. Meetings occur the first Wednesday of every month during the school year. **425-388-7259**



## **Step Three:** DEVELOP AN EMPLOYMENT PLAN – OPTIONS TO CONSIDER

**Snohomish County School to Work (S2W)** A partnership between schools, Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), and Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRP) to assist students with gainful employment prior to leaving school and beyond. **425-388-7476**

**To participate in S2W you must:**

- Be eligible for DDA services
- Be 20-21 years of age & enrolled in school
- Be committed to working
- Have reliable transportation
- Apply for DVR prior to the deadline (August 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Choose an employment provider (CRP)
- Apply for Social Security Benefits prior to the deadline (August 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Be eligible for Medicaid

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### **Step Four: CHOOSE AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY AND HAVE RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION**

**Employment Agencies** More information available at: [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/dd](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/dd)

- At Work
- Cares of Washington
- Community Trades and Careers
- NW Center
- ORION Industries
- PROVAIL
- Service Alternatives Inc.
- Sherwood Community Services
- SAILS
- Vadis
- Village Community Services
- Washington Vocational Services
- Work Opportunities

**Social Security Benefits Planner** If you are DD eligible and live in Snohomish County, the Benefits planner can help you navigate the Social Security system and answer questions about how working may affect your benefits. Contact your DD case manager for a referral. **425-740-6400**

**Transportation** Is critical for getting a job and connecting to your community

Everett Transit/Para Transit **425-257-7777** [www.everetttransit.org](http://www.everetttransit.org)  
Community Transit/DART **425-353-7433** [www.communitytransit.org](http://www.communitytransit.org)



### **Step Five: PARTICIPATE IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

**Self-Advocacy** The Transition Club, Women’s Group as well as People First Chapter provides self-advocates with the opportunity to have fun while increasing self-advocacy skills, independent living skills and learning about community resources. Contact the Arc of Snohomish County. [www.arcsno.org](http://www.arcsno.org) or **425-258-2459**

**Recreation and Leisure** Participate in activities you enjoy, explore your community and try new things. Develop relationships with people who have similar interests. Find local activities and events at: [www.snohomish.org](http://www.snohomish.org)

**Family Support Centers** Provide opportunities for community members to gather, meet new people, share their strengths, learn about resources and be a part of your community.

Arlington	<b>360-386-7989</b>	Sky Valley	<b>360-793-2400</b>
Darrington	<b>360-436-0308</b>	South Everett	<b>425-355-6005</b>
Familias Unidas	<b>425-513-2880</b>	Stanwood	<b>360-629-5257</b>
Northshore	<b>425-205-2004</b>	South Snohomish County	<b>425-670-8984</b>

**Snohomish County Transition Fair** An annual event held in March that provides the opportunity for students and families to meet over 60 community agencies and attend a variety of workshops. **425-388-7320**



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