

JOB FOUNDATION (JF)

Engage, connect and plan earlier for students in their second to last year of school through discovery and the completion of the Job Foundation report that includes actionable next steps for employment.

AGES 19 – 20 (2nd Year of Transition)

Collaboration:

- Student/Family
- School System
- County
- Employment Provider
- Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Plans: Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and Job Foundation Report

Timeline:

- At age 18, apply for Social Security
- During 1st Year of Transition (ages 18-19) – Contact Snohomish County Transition Coordinator: to develop a plan for life after school; Research Guardianship or alternatives to Guardianship; Research, Interview and Select Employment Provider (Job Coach)
- Apply by December 31st (1st Year of Transition - ages 18-19) Contact Snohomish County
- After Acceptance into Job Foundation – you will spend time with the Employment Provider you have chosen, they will begin gathering information about your skills, abilities and interests. A report will be submitted at the end of your 2nd year in Transition which will enhance your S2W experience.

Qualifications:

- You must remain eligible for services with DDA
- You must remain enrolled in school to remain eligible for Job Foundation
- You must choose an Employment Provider to work with. The Employment Provider you choose will remain with you throughout this process. You may contact them by phone or email to meet them in person.
- Eligibility or an application for SSI must be complete or pending through the Social Security Administration as this will assist with long term funding for job coaching (create a My Social Security account at <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>)
- Prior to second year, you will need to apply for DVR.

SCHOOL TO WORK (S2W)

To increase the number of students with developmental disabilities who will leave school with paid employment and provide a smooth transition to adult services and community life.

AGES 20 – 21 (3rd and Final Year of Transition)

Collaboration:

- Student/Family
- School System
- County
- Employment Provider
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Plans: IEP and Employment

Timeline:

- Apply by August 31st if not part of Job Foundation (2nd year of Transition - ages 19-20)
- During 3rd Transition Year
 - Work with school and employment provider to reach employment goals
 - Meet with a Benefits Planner
 - Attend all team meetings and ask questions
 - Job Placement can occur anytime throughout the school year

Qualifications:

- Go through Job Foundation during your 2nd to last year of Transition
- Must be enrolled with DDA
- Must be enrolled with DVR
- Must have WA ID and Social Security card to work
- Must have Social Security or Medicaid eligibility (this pays for long-term employment supports)
- Must have selected an Employment Provider (to obtain a job by June of your final year in Transition)