



What Will Happen When You Become an Adult?

1. **Think about what outcomes you want.** Start planning your future with this in mind.
2. **Financial Planning is very important at all levels of income.**
 - **Save money for college fund or supports** (i.e., paying for a personal assistant, a job coach, a recreational program) that you may want or need in the future.
 - **Apply for SSI as an adult.** Around age 18 the disability criteria changes.
 - **Explore SSI work incentives.**
3. **Prepare for going to work, earning your own income, and building work experience.**
 - **Work experiences** help you explore future career options while building employment skills. They also provide job opportunities based on your strengths and interests.
 - **College/university** — The saying goes, “The more you learn, the more you earn.” Is higher education needed to succeed in a career path you’re interested in? You may want to inquire about college programs for youth with intellectual disabilities to gain the experience and training you’ll need.
 - **Apply for vocational rehabilitation services** through Department of Human Services, the Division of Rehabilitation Services, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, or the Division of Mental Health, based on your type of disability.
4. **Do your own research so you have a clear understanding of what is happening.**
 - Ask your **DSCC Care Coordination Team** to help you find resources needed.
 - **Parent Training and Information Centers** can help, toll-free, at **1-800- 952-4199**.
 - Your **Center for Independent Living** may offer help with planning and finding resources to help meet your needs. To find your local center, go to: <http://www.incil.org/> or call **1-800-587-1227** (v/tty).

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