

Transition Resources

Before Graduation:

Examples of Activities That Develop Employment Skills

School Provided Examples – See NTACT Collaborative – <i>Technical assistance for educators preparing students for adult life</i>	Work Experience Activities - Job Sampling - Job Exploration - Job Touring – Volunteering – Life Skills – Community Experiences – Informational Interviews
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services Pre-Employment Transition Services	Job Exploration Work-Based Learning Experience Counseling for Post Secondary Activities Work Readiness Training Self Advocacy Instruction Summer Work Programs Project SEARCH (in select counties)

Benefit Information (as it relates to working)

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services – Through Pre-ETS	Pre-ETS includes providing information on benefits and potential impacts from working
NJ.DB101.org	Accessible information regarding Social Security and medical benefits, including students
Student Earned Income Exclusion	Student earned income is disregarded by SSA
NJ's Work Incentive Planning Assistance (WIPA)– general information about benefits from a Certified Work Incentives Practitioner	For residents of: Essex, Bergen, Union and Hudson counties: Please contact the ticket to work helpline at 1-866-968-7842 to be screened and referred for services. For all other NJ counties: Referral Form Here
The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services – Regular Services	Enrolled individuals are recommended to access comprehensive, individualized services through DVRS

Post Graduation

Finding Work

<u>The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services</u>	Get personalized assistance finding work
<u>One Stop Career Centers</u>	Available in every county to help residents find work
<u>State As a Model Employer (SAME)</u>	Some State jobs have special considerations for those living with disabilities
<u>Source America</u>	Job leads and resources

Self Employment

<u>Ticket to Work (Social Security)</u>	Social Security has guidance for those pursuing self employment
<u>One Stop Career Centers</u>	One Stop Career Centers may have programming that supports self employment and starting own business
<u>Business.NJ.gov</u>	Step by step assistance starting and registering your own business
<u>NJ Small Business Development Center</u>	NJSBDC provides <u>free</u> counseling and resources for starting your own business

Trades and/or Certificates

<u>The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services</u>	May be able to assist with <u>obtaining trade certificates</u> in select career areas
<u>SkillUp NJ</u>	More than 5,000 free online Skillssoft courses

Post Secondary Programs for Individuals Living with Disabilities

<u>Rutgers Office of Disability Services</u> <u>Rowan Autism PATH Program</u> <u>Bergen Community College Turning Point</u> <u>William Patterson Transition</u> <u>TCNJ -Career and Community Studies</u> <u>Georgian Court Transition and Career Studies</u>	Some colleges offer programming aimed to help individuals living with disabilities obtain prepare for college and/or obtain degrees
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Services for Those with Complex Needs

<u>The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services</u>	<u>Trial Work Experience</u> – <i>determines eligibility</i> <u>Community Based Work Evaluations</u> <u>Internship Development</u> <u>Customized Employment</u>
<u>The Division of Developmental Disabilities</u>	<i>*Required Medicaid enrollment + meet needs criteria</i> <u>Prevocational Training</u> <u>Career Planning</u>

Benefit Resources

<u>NJ.DB101.org</u>	Accessible information regarding Social Security and Medical Benefits (available in Spanish too!) Includes estimators to project benefit impact
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<u>The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services</u>	Enrolled individuals are recommended to access comprehensive, individualized services through DVRS
<u>The Division of Developmental Disabilities</u>	Assuming DVRS services have been exhausted, DDD can help provide benefit information under the <u>Supported Employment</u> service.
Social Security's <u>Ticket To Work</u> program	This voluntary program is intended for those preparing to <u>leave Social Security Benefits</u> through substantial employment earnings

Other Working & Benefit Resources

Social Security Resources	<u>My Social Security Account</u> – see status of various SSA related items and report income, in some circumstances <u>Social Security Redbook</u> – Work Incentive Info <u>Impairment Related Work Expenses</u> (IRWEs)– some expenses can decrease countable income <u>Plan to Achieve Self Support</u> (PASS) – SSI cash normally lost due to income can be set aside to advance career
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Medicaid	Also called NJ Family Care – assists low income and/or disabled individuals with health coverage
NJABLE Account	ABLE Accounts allow for saving money <u>above SSI and Medicaid asset limits!</u>
NJ Disability Information Hub	Transition Resources Employment Resources Assistive Technology Transportation
Boggs Center - Rutgers	Transition Timeline Employment Exploration Tool
Transportation	Reduced Fare Program Access Link NJTIP NJCDD Transportation Graphic