

LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS

MISSION:

All young adults need to prepare as they enter their adult lives. Each young adult has individual strengths, preferences, interests, and goals which will lead him\her down the path of independence.

What is an 18-21 year old program? An 18-21 year old program focuses on preparing young adults with disabilities for life after graduation. It connects them to community resources, empowers them, and strengthens their advocacy skills in order to lead a life without limits!

The goal of an 18-21 year old program is to provide young adults with disabilities transition focused services in a community environment based on each student's individualized Education Program (IEP) and post-secondary transition goals.

TRANSITION OBJECTIVES:

- Employment
 - Work experience in the community
 - Coordinated short-term experiences
 - Career exploration and planning
 - Interest identification
 - Skill development
- Daily Living (develop and apply skills)
 - Independence
 - Self-advocacy
 - Shopping
 - Cooking
 - Personal safety
 - Time management
 - Mobility in the community
 - First aid skills
- Community Integration
 - Establish relationships with agencies
 - Support and transition into services in the community
 - Develop natural supports in the community
 - Increase mobility in the community
 - Connect to post-secondary education/training
- Recreation/Leisure
 - Improve social skills in all areas
 - Strengthen communication skills
 - Integrate into age-appropriate activities
 - Develop friendships

ELIGIBILITY:

- Has met all graduation requirements
- Has own transportation to and from program site (city bus, taxi, or parent)
- Able to participate in transportation training program
- Independent in taking care of personal care needs
- Provide own lunch
- Required to bring \$10 each week to budget for rec/leisure and daily living activities. Additional funds may be required for special outings and events. No student shall be denied access to program due to financial hardship.
- Active DVR client or begin the application process to become a DVR client by December 1 of the senior year.

GUIDELINES:

- Program is 100% off school campus
- Transition focus, non-academic focus
- Zero tolerance of physical and/or verbal aggression (including but not limited to: running, biting, kicking, tantrums, etc.) Students who have demonstrated the ability to behave appropriately in different environments will be reviewed on an individual basis.
- Participation is required as defined by student learning objectives. Lack of participation will be reviewed to determine continued enrollment in the program.



*"Try and fail, but never fail to try."
Jared Leto*



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