

# ARKANSAS SECONDARY TRANSITION PLANNING

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## BIRTH TO ELEMENTARY

Use a milestone chart to keep up with milestones expected and reached, including the kindergarten readiness checklist.

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At the first sign of concern with your child's development, seek comprehensive, developmental, psychological and cognitive, psychological-educational assessments.

1, 6, 8, 22, 25, 41

Encourage independence in your child by assigning chores and responsibilities.

Allow your child to make as many decisions as possible to encourage good decision and choice making skills.

Determine your child's interests and strengths and incorporate them into daily activities as much as possible.

Consider contacting agencies dedicated to providing services for specific disabilities.

1, 18, 19, 26, 30, 36, 37, 42

Seek Medicaid or TEFRA funding, regardless of income, if your child is diagnosed with a disability.

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Help teach problem-solving skills by asking your child questions to resolve issues instead of solving it for them.

Create a fun booklet with your child that allows him/her to show likes and dislikes.

Talk to your child about how their interests relate to certain jobs or careers and visit those job sites or talk to people in those positions.

Make sure you talk to your child's teacher about your child's performance and needs and possible services available within the district.

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## MIDDLE/JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Attend IEP meetings and make sure you and your child understand its components.

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Encourage communication by asking open-ended questions to allow for productive conversations about your child's day instead of "yes/no" questions.

Continue to include your child's interests and strengths in daily activities and make sure you keep up with how those may change.

Encourage your child to research disabilities, including his/her own. Have a discussion about how people learn differently and can still achieve goals when they better understand their disability.

If you think your child will have needs getting a job, contact these corresponding agencies for more information on eligibility, services and programs available.

12, 17, 22, 29, 38, 39, 40, 41

Talk with your child's teacher about getting students to have a role in their IEP meeting.

Continue to talk to your child's teacher about your child's performance and needs and possible services available within the district.

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Continue to provide opportunities for your child to make decisions including activities to do at home or on the weekend.

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Take a learning style assessment with your child and compare similarities and differences between your learning style and your child's.

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If you think your child will have needs living independently or at home, contact these corresponding agencies for more information on eligibility, services and programs available.

1, 3, 15, 17, 22, 25, 30, 32, 42

If you think your child will have needs succeeding in more education after high school, contact these corresponding agencies for more information on eligibility, services and programs available.

3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 20, 28, 29, 36, 39



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## HIGH SCHOOL



Arkansas Interagency  
Transition Partnership

arkansas  
**Transition**  
services

# INFORMATION RESOURCE LIST

<b>(1) ACCESS</b> <a href="http://www.accessgroupinc.org">www.accessgroupinc.org</a> (501) 217-8600	<b>(16) Arkansas Legal Services</b> <a href="http://www.arlegalservices.org">www.arlegalservices.org</a> (800) 967-9224 (800) 952-9243	<b>(31) Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council</b> <a href="http://www.ddcouncil.org">www.ddcouncil.org</a> (501) 661-2589 (855) 627-7580
<b>(2) ARC of Arkansas</b> <a href="http://www.arcark.org">www.arcark.org</a> (501) 375-7770	<b>(17) Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS)</b> <a href="http://www.ars.arkansas.gov">www.ars.arkansas.gov</a> (501) 296-1600 or (800) 330-0632	<b>(32) Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN)</b> <a href="http://www.ar-ican.org">www.ar-ican.org</a> (501) 666-8868 (800) 828-2799
<b>(3) Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center (AALRC)</b> <a href="http://www.aalrc.org">www.aalrc.org</a> (501) 907-2490 (877) 963-4433	<b>(18) Arkansas School for the Deaf</b> <a href="http://www.arschoolforthedeaf.org">www.arschoolforthedeaf.org</a> (501) 324-9506	<b>(33) Independent Case Management</b> <a href="http://www.icm-inc.org">www.icm-inc.org</a> (501) 228-0063 (800) 409-5720
<b>(4) Arkansas Association on Higher Education &amp; Disabilities (ArkAHEAD)</b> <a href="http://www.arkahead.org">www.arkahead.org</a> (501) 812-2333	<b>(19) Arkansas School for the Blind</b> <a href="http://www.arkansasschoolfortheblind.org">www.arkansasschoolfortheblind.org</a> (501) 296-1810 (800) 362-4451	<b>(34) Integrity Inc.</b> <a href="http://www.integrityinc.org">www.integrityinc.org</a> (501) 614-7200
<b>(5) Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI)</b> <a href="http://www.arcareereducation.org/services/arkansas-rehabilitation-services/arkansas-training-institute">http://www.arcareereducation.org/services/arkansas-rehabilitation-services/arkansas-training-institute</a> (501) 624-4411	<b>(20) Arkansas Transition Services</b> <a href="http://www.arkansastransition.com">www.arkansastransition.com</a> (501) 375-6487	<b>(35) Job Corps</b> <a href="http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx">http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx</a> (501) 618-5201 (800) 733-5627
<b>(6) Arkansas Child Find Project</b> <a href="http://www.archildfind.org/">http://www.archildfind.org/</a> (501) 771-8093 (800) 482-8437	<b>(21) Arkansas Waiver Association</b> <a href="http://www.arkansaswaiver.com">www.arkansaswaiver.com</a> (479) 927-4100	<b>(36) Learning Disabilities Association of Arkansas</b> <a href="http://www.ldarkansas.org">www.ldarkansas.org</a> (501) 666-8777
<b>(7) Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE)</b> <a href="http://www.ace.arkansas.gov">www.ace.arkansas.gov</a> (501) 682-1500	<b>(22) Best Buddies Arkansas</b> <a href="http://www.bestbuddies.org/arkansas/">http://www.bestbuddies.org/arkansas/</a> (501) 975-1040	<b>(37) National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Arkansas</b> <a href="http://namiarkansas.org">namiarkansas.org</a> (501) 661-1548 (800) 844-0381
<b>(8) Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education Unit</b> <a href="https://arksped.k12.ar.us">https://arksped.k12.ar.us</a> (501) 682-4475	<b>(23) The Center for Exceptional Families</b> <a href="http://www.tcfef.org">www.tcfef.org</a> (870) 336-3012 (888) 360-9654	<b>(38) Partners for Inclusive Communities</b> <a href="http://www.uofapartners.uark.edu">www.uofapartners.uark.edu</a> (501) 301-1100 (800) 342-2923
<b>(9) Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)</b> <a href="http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov">www.healthy.arkansas.gov</a> (501) 661-2000 (800) 462-0599	<b>(24) Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b> <a href="http://www.cms.gov/">http://www.cms.gov/</a> (800) 633-4227	<b>(39) Project AWIN</b> <a href="http://www.arsources.org/services/project-awin">www.arsources.org/services/project-awin</a> (479) 442-5600 (888) 284-7521
<b>(10) Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE)</b> <a href="http://www.adhe.edu">www.adhe.edu</a> (501) 371-2000	<b>(25) Developmental Disabilities Services Children Services (DDS)</b> <a href="http://www.humanservices.arkansas.gov/dds">www.humanservices.arkansas.gov/dds</a> (501) 682-2277 (800) 482-5850 ext. 22277	<b>(40) Project Search</b> <a href="http://www.projectsearch.uams.edu">www.projectsearch.uams.edu</a> (501) 529-3139
<b>(11) Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS)</b> <a href="http://www.humanservices.arkansas.gov">www.humanservices.arkansas.gov</a> (501) 682-1001	<b>(26) Division of Services for the Blind</b> <a href="http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/dsb">www.arkansas.gov/dhs/dsb</a> (501) 682-5463 (800) 960-9270	<b>(41) Social Security Administration (SSA)</b> <a href="http://www.arkansas.gov/ddssa">www.arkansas.gov/ddssa</a> (501) 682-3030 (866) 593-0933
<b>(12) Arkansas Department of Workforce Services (DWS)</b> <a href="http://www.dws.arkansas.gov">www.dws.arkansas.gov</a> (501) 682-2121 (855) 225-4440	<b>(27) Disability Rights Arkansas</b> <a href="http://www.disabilityrightsar.org">www.disabilityrightsar.org</a> (501) 296-1775 (800) 482-1174	<b>(42) Spinal Cord Commission</b> <a href="http://www.spinalcord.ar.gov">www.spinalcord.ar.gov</a> (501) 296-1788 (800) 459-1517
<b>(13) Arkansas Disability Coalition (ADC)</b> <a href="http://www.adcpti.org">www.adcpti.org</a> (501) 614-7020 (800) 223-1330	<b>(28) Easterseals Arkansas</b> <a href="http://www.eastersealsar.com">www.eastersealsar.com</a> (501) 367-1200	<b>(43) United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)</b> <a href="http://www.ucp.org">www.ucp.org</a> (501) 224-6067 (800) 872-5827
<b>(14) Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled</b> <a href="http://www.aeddinc.org/">http://www.aeddinc.org/</a> (501) 666-0264	<b>(29) Friendship Community Care</b> <a href="http://www.fccare.org">www.fccare.org</a> (479) 967-2322 (800) 461-1793	<b>(44) University of Arkansas Autism Support Program</b> <a href="http://coehp.uark.edu/10656.php">http://coehp.uark.edu/10656.php</a> (479) 595-6071
<b>(15) Arkansas Independent Living Council</b> <a href="http://www.ar-silc.org/about.html">http://www.ar-silc.org/about.html</a> (501) 372-0607 (800) 772-0607	<b>(30) Goodwill Industries of Arkansas</b> <a href="https://goodwillar.org/">https://goodwillar.org/</a> (501) 372-5100 (877) 372-5151	

For a list of some of the local agencies available in your area, please visit: <http://www.arkansastransition.com/index.php/arkansas-agencies>  
If you'd like to request changes to agency contact information, please email [jennifer.bibel@arkansas.gov](mailto:jennifer.bibel@arkansas.gov)