



TRANSITION EXPO 2009 RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Transition Exposition Directory

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Panel 1-Employment/Education
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: City Link/Lift

Agency Address: 2105 NE Jefferson Ave. Peoria, IL 61603

Agency Phone: 309-679-8139

Agency Fax:

Agency E-Mail:

Agency Contact Person and or Title: John Williams, Transportation Coordinator

Website: www.ridecitylink.org

Agency Category:



Employment/Education

Parent/Advocacy

Residential/Workshop

Park/Recreation

Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

Anytime

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Individual applying for services.

What referral information is necessary?

Depending on services, Doctor's signature and Human Resource Agency.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Different, depends on desired service.

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Transportation, Travel Training in the Peoria area.

Who determines appropriate services?

Based on assessment and needs.

What actions would terminate services?

Moving out of the area.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

There are transportation costs.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

City Link

Is financial support available?

Not applicable

What is needed to receive financial support?

Does not apply.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Five and above.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Depends on the type of service.

What determines length of services?

Industry standards.

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments: General description - We assist with administration of half fare programs and Illinois disability ride free program.

Panel 1 Employment/Education
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: DRS/Home Service Program
Agency Address: 2970 Court St. Pekin IL. 61554
Agency Phone: 309-353-5996
Agency Fax: 309-353-2032
Agency E-Mail:
Agency Contact Person and or Title: Stephanie O’laughlin
Website: www.dhs.state.il.us

Agency Category:



Employment/Education
Parent/Advocacy
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Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

It can be made at any time between birth and age 60. People over age 60 can continue receiving services, if they were started prior to age 60.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

The DRS counselor will gather all documentation. However, if you have current medical reports and school psychological reports, I will gladly accept them.

What referral information is necessary?

In order to have a bonafide referral, DRS needs the customers name, address, and telephone number, birth date, Social Security number, the disability, and what services that they are requesting.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Be under the age of 60 at time of application with no age criteria for AIDS or Traumatic Brain Injury, be a resident of the state of Illinois, be a US citizen or a legally admitted alien, have a severe disability that will last for a year or more
Have less than \$17,500.00 exempt assets or \$35,000.00 exempt family assets for a child under age 18.

Needs will be met at a cost less than or equal to the cost of a nursing home or an institutional setting.

Fully co-operate with the Medicaid application process.

Is there an income restriction?

There is no income restriction, only assets limitations.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Services include respite, and a regular service plan thru the home services program. These services can included help with ADL's, laundry, housekeeping, medication and wound care, weal preparation, and assist with shopping.

Who determines appropriate services?

The DRS counselor determines the level, however the customer or their family assist in writing the service plan. The customer's physician must also sign off on the plan.

What actions would terminate services?

Moving out of the state of Illinois, receiving less than 29 points on the DON at the annual reassessment, the service cost exceeds the cost of an institution.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

There is no cost to the customer.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

If diagnostic testing and medical appointments are needed, DRS can pay. However customers are usually seeing a physician so those records are used to determine eligibility.

Is financial support available?

There is no financial support offered.

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

An individual can apply at any age, up to 60. The children's assessment is comparing them to their age mates. It is more difficult for children under the age of 5 to become eligible, as there are no expectations of independence until that time. DO not hesitate to refer someone younger than 5, because sometimes they are eligible due to the severity of their disability.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Customers will know if they are eligible for services the day of the application, pending approval of their physician. Services will not begin until there is physician approval.

What determines length of services?

Services continue until such time that a person is no longer eligible for them. Every customer is seen annually and eligibility is re-determined at that time.

Is there a waiting list?

There is no waiting list.

Comments:

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April 15, 2009

Agency Name: DRS/DHS
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Agency E-Mail:
Agency Contact Person and or Title: James Zachman
Website: www.dhs.state.il.us

Agency Category:



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Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

In high school from Step or when job ready

Who is responsible for gathering information?

We are, but it is helpful if you have some of the information doctor, schools etc.

What referral information is necessary?

Documentation/Verification of disability by doctor.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Have a significant disability, and want to work and be able to work.

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Placement assistance, development support, rehab technology, on the job training, job coaching, and vocational counseling/guidance on the job evaluation training, information and referral.

Who determines appropriate services?

Counselor and customer together with other parties as deemed appropriate and necessary by counselor and customer.

What actions would terminate services?

None just the cooperation from the customer.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No financial participation may be necessary for some services depending on family income.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

DHS/DRS

Is financial support available?

Yes

What is needed to receive financial support?

This depends on the service and the need.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Any age that you are able and want to work.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

60 days.

What determines length of services?

Customer needs and cooperation.

Is there a waiting list?

Not at this time.

Comments:

Panel 1 Employment/Education
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Heartland Community College-Heartland Academy for Learning
Opportunities (HALO)

Agency Address: 1500 West Raab Road, Normal, IL 61761

Agency Phone: 309-268-8259

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Agency E-Mail: halo@heartland.edu

Agency Contact Person and or Title: Anita Moore, Director of Disability Support, Testing and Tutoring Services

Website: www.heartland.edu

Agency Category:



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Parent/Advocacy
Residential/Workshop

Park/Recreation
Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

May 31st.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Student and Family.

What referral information is necessary?

N/A

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Any individual with a disability who reads, writes and performs math at a 3rd grade level or above, has the ability to participate in most of the program/class activities, and has sufficient emotional stability to adjust to all aspects of the program.

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

College program with courses for adults with primary intellectual disabilities.

Who determines appropriate services?

College staff.

What actions would terminate services?

None, payment of tuition, inappropriate conduct for the college environment, or not making progress.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

\$1650.00 for four courses and all instruction materials.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Student and Family.

Is financial support available?

No

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

When graduating from high school or at age 18.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Varies.

What determines length of services?

If the student chooses to sign up, for additional semesters; if student demonstrates an ability to benefit.

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments:

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April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Illinois Central College – Access Services
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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Terri Ingles, Coordinator of Access Services

Agency Category:



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Application:

When should application be made?

Students may apply for accommodations once a class schedule has been completed.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Student submits documentation of their disability to the college

What referral information is necessary?

Appropriate documentation of disability.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Eligibility for various accommodations determined based upon documentation submitted.

Is there an income restriction?

N/A

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Accommodations to access campus and classrooms

Who determines appropriate services?

Based upon documentation.

What actions would terminate services?

Student may choose to terminate accommodations at any time.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Student

Is financial support available?

All college-bound students may apply for Federal/State aid.

What is needed to receive financial support?

Government determines based upon student and parent's income, finances, etc.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

When they sign up for college classes

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Accommodations can begin upon approval of application

What determines length of services?

N/A

Is there a waiting list?

N/A

Comments:

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April 15, 2009**

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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Chris Wright, Director of Admissions
Website: www.sheperdscollege.org

Agency Category:



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Support Agency**

Application:

When should application be made?

By May 1st prior to each school year.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Prospective student and family

What referral information is necessary?

3 formal references

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Completion of high school

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Postsecondary education for young adults with developmental disabilities

Who determines appropriate services?

What actions would terminate services?

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Yes – charge for tuition, room and board, and all support services

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Parents and Family

Is financial support available?

Very limited

What is needed to receive financial support?

Demonstrate need for financial aid

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Must be at least 18 years old to attend

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Varies

What determines length of services?

Shepherds College is a three year post secondary school.

Is there a waiting list?

Not currently

Comments:

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April 15, 2009

Agency Name: TMCSEA/DRS
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Agency Fax: 309-346-0440
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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Joyce Aarestad
Website: www.tmcsea.org

Agency Category:



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Application:

When should application be made?

Step the co-op program should be made at the age the student, family and team express interest in working. Transition – the beginning of their final year.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

The high schools after the guardians or students have signed a release of information.

What referral information is necessary?

Step – Most current medical, psychological, social history IEP with measurable vocational developed, any other relevant reports such as OT/PT Speech/Behavior reports.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Individuals with a documented disability that limits functional capacities or wants to work and be able to work.

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Step-Secondary transitional/Experience Program Transition services.

Who determines appropriate services?

Vocational Rehabilitation councilor needs to certify for services.

What actions would terminate services?

Failure to cooperate with the IEP, expression there is no desire to work, or failure to follow the IPE (Individual Plan for Employment).

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

The high schools as we utilize their tests required for determination of disability.

Is financial support available?

Yes – if a request is made that DRS financially participate and it is not an educational need.

What is needed to receive financial support?

Families need to meet our standard budget allowance.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Can be at age 14, most are referred at age 16 +.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Once a complete referral is received, the interview is scheduled if the customer is 15 days from initial interview.

What determines length of services?

VR Counselor

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments:

Step is a partnership between DRS and TMCSEA. Transition specialist is considered an employee of TMCSEA. All of the guidelines for STEP are the same as DHS/DRS. Therefore when a student graduates from high school; we develop the same Individual Plan for Employment as the adult DRS office.

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PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: We Care
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Agency E-Mail:
Agency Contact Person and or Title: Jim Thompson
Website: N/A

Agency Category:



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Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

Who is responsible for gathering information?

What referral information is necessary?

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Is there an income restriction?

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Who determines appropriate services?

What actions would terminate services?

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Is financial support available?

What is needed to receive financial support?

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

What determines length of services?

Is there a waiting list?

Comments:

Panel 2 Park/Recreation
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Camp Big Sky

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Agency E-Mail: exec@campbigsky.org

Agency Contact Person and or Title: Brad Guidi, Ex. Director

Website: www.CampBigSky.org

Agency Category:

Employment/Education

Parent/Advocacy

Residential/Workshop



Park/Recreation

Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

As far in advance as possible prior to a request for a reservation to visit the camp.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Camper or caregiver/family member.

What referral information is necessary?

Please see Online Registration on website at www.campbigsky.org

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Any person of any age with any disability that limits or restricts their access to the outdoors. Family and friends are also welcome.

Is there an income restriction?

There is no income restriction.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Accessible outdoor recreational opportunities for children and adults with disabilities, their friends, and family.

Who determines appropriate services?

Campers are free to participate in any number of available activities.

What actions would terminate services?

Violation of code of conduct for the camp.

Cost:**Is there a cost for services?**

No charge for day activities. A flat fee of \$50 for each overnight scheduled for up to 8 campers.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Not applicable.

Is financial support available?

There are no charges for day activities. The overnight fee covers half of the actual cost to provide the service.

What is needed to receive financial support?

Not applicable.

Time Frame:**At what age should individuals apply?**

Individuals of any age are eligible to visit Camp Big Sky.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Reservation requests are confirmed usually within 24 hours.

What determines length of services?

Campers request length of stay. Day hours are 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Additional extended hours are available with prior request and approval.

Is there a waiting list?

No, but we are limited to the number of campers we can accommodate in any one day.

Comments:

Camp Big Sky is a 102 acre accessible camp for children and adults with disabilities and their friends and family. Any person of any age with any disability that limits or restricts their access to the outdoors is eligible to visit Camp Big Sky. Our season runs from the first of May to the end of October, and we are open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm for day activities and for limited overnight stays. We offer 12 different outdoor activities including some great fishing, recreational boating, nature study, kite flying, bocce ball, camp fires, fossil hunting, lawn games, overnight stays, hiking, arts and crafts, and cookouts. All of our activity areas are wheelchair accessible. We provide fishing equipment, bait, volunteers to assist with fishing and other activities and also have accessible picnic tables, restrooms and trail-way throughout the camp. Visitors must register in advance of their visit and need only bring their food and drinks for their visit. For further information please visit our website at www.campbigsky.org or call Brad Guidi at 309-258-6002

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April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Central Illinois Riding Therapy
Agency Address: 305 Neumann Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611
Agency Phone: 309-699-3710
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Agency E-Mail: cirt@cirt.info
Agency Contact Person and or Title: Jenna Walker, Program Coordinator
Website: www.cirt.info

Agency Category:

Employment/Education
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Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

Before they are able to ride (March – December)

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Parents then we check to make sure all information is turned in

What referral information is necessary?

Doctors, just to clear them before they are able to ride

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Any mental, physical or emotional disability and at least over the age of 3

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Therapeutic horse back riding

Who determines appropriate services?

Your doctor

What actions would terminate services?

Not paying a bill, doctor deeming it unsafe due to medical condition

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

\$25.00 registration fee and \$20.00 per class

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

N/A

Is financial support available?

Yes

What is needed to receive financial support?

One must fill out a scholarship form

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Any age or at least 3 years old

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

One to two weeks

What determines length of services?

Parents and or doctor

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments:

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April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Easter Seals Timber Pointe Outdoor Center
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Agency Fax: 309-365-8934
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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Mark Holstein, Director of Camping
Website: www.ci.easterseals.com

Agency Category:

Employment/Education
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Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

ASAP – Camps are filled on a first come first served basis

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Parent or guardian will be sent application packet to complete

What referral information is necessary?

No referral needed

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Check description of each camp on line at our website or call for information regarding populations served at each camp.

Is there an income restriction?

No income restrictions. Scholarship help is available to those who qualify.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Summer camp and weekend respite services.

Who determines appropriate services?

Camp and parent/guardian.

What actions would terminate services?

Those who present a safety risk to self or others.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

One week camp is \$620.00 and weekend respite is \$200.00

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

N/A

Is financial support available?

Some financial support available

What is needed to receive financial support?

Verification of Income.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Ages 6 and above.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Campers who qualify are enrolled on first come first served basis for the camp they are applying to. The process takes just a couple weeks.

What determines length of services?

All camps are one week length.

Is there a waiting list?

Currently there is not but may be as we get later into camp season.

Comments:

Easter Seals Timber Pointe Outdoor Center is a residential summer camp for children and adults with special needs. In addition to our scheduled Easter Seals camps, we also work with a number of organizations who have camps scheduled throughout the summer season. Please check our website, www.ci.easterseals.com, for specific Easter Seals and Collaborative Camp dates. For further information, contact Mark Holstein at 309-365-8021, extension 204.

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Agency Name: Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association

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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Katie Hogan, Coordinator

Website: www.peoriaparks.org

Agency Category:

Employment/Education

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Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

Who is responsible for gathering information?

What referral information is necessary?

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Is there an income restriction?

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Who determines appropriate services?

What actions would terminate services?

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Is financial support available?

What is needed to receive financial support?

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

What determines length of services?

Is there a waiting list?

Comments:

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Agency Name: Illinois River Valley Recreation Association

Agency Address: 201 Veterans Dr. East Peoria, IL 61611

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Agency Fax:

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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Erin Heinold

Website: www.fondulacpark.com

Agency Category:

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Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

Contact Erin

Who is responsible for gathering information?

N/A

What referral information is necessary?

N/A

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Individuals with disabilities for ages 6 and up

Is there an income restriction?

N/A

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Programs/Events that encourage socializing physical and cognitive health

Who determines appropriate services?

N/A

What actions would terminate services?

N/A

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Residents and Non Resident fees

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

N/A

Is financial support available?

N/A

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Six years old and up

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

N/A

What determines length of services?

N/A

Is there a waiting list?

N/A

Comments: We offer programs/events that can benefit individuals with disabilities.

Panel 2 Park/Recreation
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PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Pekin Park District Illinois River Valley Special Recreation
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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Rachel Doan, Program Director Manager
Website: www.pekin.net/pekinparkdistrict

Agency Category:

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Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

Participants may register for programming any time after their eighth birthday

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Individuals and their care takers are responsible for registering and filling out all applicable paperwork.

What referral information is necessary?

N/A

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Participants must be at least eight years of age and have a developmental disability which required an IEP in school.

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Pekin IRVSRA provides recreational programs and leisure services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Integrated and specialized programs are available for participants.

Who determines appropriate services?

Program manager, Rachel Doan, along with the participant, care takers and IRVSRA staff work as a team to provide appropriate recreational services.

What actions would terminate services?

Staff works closely with participants to insure a good fit in recreation programs.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Yes, fees vary per activity

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

The only diagnostic testing needed would be a doctor fills out the Special

Is financial support available?

Yes

What is needed to receive financial support?

Participants would need to pick up a Pekin Park District Scholarship Form from the Recreation Office. That would need to be turned back in along with

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Programming starts for individuals who are eight years of age

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

N/A

What determines length of services?

Individuals are free to participate for as long as they are able

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments:

Panel 3 Parent/Advocacy Group
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April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Easter Seals/Autism Peoria –Bloomington (Autism)
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Website: www.ci.easterseals.com

Agency Category:

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	Parent/Advocacy	Support Agency
	Residential/Workshop	

Application:

When should application be made?

Direct intake for diagnostic and therapy services- Early Intervention through CFC

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Jennifer Simpson, Rehab Coordinator.

What referral information is necessary?

Depends on services or programs to be accessed.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Early Intervention-birth to three years but other services for all children ages three and older.

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Pediatric Therapy Service, The Autism Program at Easter Seals, Cerebral Palsy Services, Recreational Programs, Family Support Services and Timber Pointe Outdoor Center.

Who determines appropriate services?

Based on Evaluation.

What actions would terminate services?

Outlined in Parent Handbook.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Some are billed to Early Intervention, Illinois Department of Public Aide, or Private Insurance and others are fee-for-service.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Some are billed to Early Intervention, Illinois Department of Public Aide, or Private Insurance and others are fee-for-service.

Is financial support available?

Yes-based on need and sliding scales.

What is needed to receive financial support?

Application through rehab coordinator.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

At any time.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Most services are within ten days from referral to evaluation.

What determines length of services?

Functional goals are determined and progress toward meeting those goals.

Is there a waiting list?

Not at this time for almost all services but Diagnostic services for Autism has an eight month wait.

Comments:

Mission

Easter Seals provides exceptional services to ensure that people with disabilities and their families have equal opportunity to live, learn, work and play in their communities. Easter Seals is the largest provider of Early Intervention services and direct autism services in downstate Illinois. Service centers are located on Peoria and Bloomington, and Timber Pointe Outdoor Center is located outside Hudson.

Panel 3 Parent/Advocacy Group
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Heart of Illinois Down Syndrome Association, Inc.
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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Meri Tucker, President
Website: www.hoidsa.org

Agency Category:



Employment/Education
Parent/Advocacy
Residential/Workshop

Park/Recreation
Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

Application may be made at anytime.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

All members are responsible for gathering information that is then passed on to the president, secretary and newsletter editor.

What referral information is necessary?

Name, address, telephone and/ or email and, if the applicant is comfortable, the age of their child with Down syndrome. This is useful when planning workshops, events, speakers, etc.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

None

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

We provide no services as we are a support group.

Who determines appropriate services?

N/A

What actions would terminate services?

N/A

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

N/A

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

N/A

Is financial support available?

We offer scholarships to workshops/seminars, families and schools.

What is needed to receive financial support?

We offer scholarships and reimbursement to families to attend educational seminars and grants to schools for inclusive opportunities.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

ASAP

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Immediate

What determines length of services?

N/A

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments:

Our mission statement:

The Heart of Illinois Down Syndrome Association, Inc. is committed to improving the quality of life of persons with Down Syndrome by providing support, advocacy, and educational opportunities to those individuals, their families and community advocates.

Panel 3 Parent/Advocacy Group
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Illinois Life Span Project, The Arc of Illinois Family to Family

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Website: www.illinoislifespan.org

Agency Category:



Employment/Education

Parent/Advocacy

Residential/Workshop

Park/Recreation

Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

N/A Illinois Life Span provides information and resources. We do not provide services.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

What referral information is necessary?

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

None

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

The Illinois Life Span Project provides Statewide Information Resource & Referral for Advocacy & Services for People with Developmental Disabilities. Information is provided through our website at www.illinoislifespan.org and our toll-free number at 1-800-588-7002.

The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information and Education Center is a free service for families of children and youth with special needs, funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) and The Arc of Illinois. A collaborative project with Family Voices of Illinois, we are part of a national network speaking on behalf of children and youth with special health care needs.

Who determines appropriate services?

What actions would terminate services?

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Is financial support available?

What is needed to receive financial support?

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

What determines length of services?

Is there a waiting list?

Comments:

We Offer -

Information and referral services

Health - related training opportunities for families, youth and professional helpers (providers)

Specialized training for parent leaders and organizations

Linkages to local, regional, statewide and national partners

A statewide Event Calendar, Advocacy Toolbox, and an extensive Links section are also among the resources available on the Illinois Life Span website.

Panel 4 Residential/Workshop
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Apostolic Christian Services

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Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

As soon as possible. We have a 10 to 12 year waiting list.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

The applicant or responsible party. Information will not be requested until near time of possible consideration for admission.

What referral information is necessary?

A current psychological evaluation, medical history, social history, medical records, ICAP evaluation, guardianship and funding information, etc. Again, this information will be requested near the time of consideration.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

The Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped (Apostolic Christian Services) admits residents who upon evaluation of the interdisciplinary team are in need of intermediate care for the developmentally disabled or eligible according to the CILA program. The Home admits without regard to race, color, or national origin.

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

ICF-DD (98bed), ICF-DD (16-bed), CILA, OT/PT services, Day Programming.

Who determines appropriate services?

Parents/Guardians and a team of professionals during annual and biannual interdisciplinary meetings.

What actions would terminate services?

If we could no longer adequately and safely meet the needs of the individual.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Is financial support available?

We accept Illinois Department of Public Aide, Social Security and Private Insurance.

What is needed to receive financial support?

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Any age but of course, the sooner the better as we do utilize a waiting list.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Varies

What determines length of services?

The health and behavior status of the individual.

Is there a waiting list?

Yes

Comments:

If you desire more information, please do not hesitate to call.

Panel 4 Residential/Workshop
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

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Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

Who is responsible for gathering information?

What referral information is necessary?

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Is there an income restriction?

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Who determines appropriate services?

What actions would terminate services?

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Is financial support available?

What is needed to receive financial support?

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

What determines length of services?

Is there a waiting list?

Comments:

Panel 4 Residential/Workshop
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Community Workshop and Training Center, Inc.

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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Jim Simkins, Associate Executive Director

Agency Category:



Employment/Education

Park/Recreation

Parent/Advocacy

Support Agency



Residential/Workshop

Application:

When should application be made?

Prior to graduation.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Student, family, Transition Specialist

What referral information is necessary?

Documentation of disability, CISA coordination

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Vary dependent on program applying to.

Is there an income restriction?

Varies based on individual program applied to.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Vocational Rehabilitation, Developmental Training, Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Residential (Intermediate Care Facility, Community Living Facility, Supported Living Apartments, Independent Living Apartments, Independent Homes).

Who determines appropriate services?

Residential and Vocational Intake Committees.

What actions would terminate services?

Determined by individual program.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Applicant or approval agency.

Is financial support available?

No

What is needed to receive financial support?

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Dependent on program. Waiting lists for some residential programs are several years long.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Approximately two weeks.

What determines length of services?

Assessed need.

Is there a waiting list?

For some program services YES.

Comments:

CWTC provides a diversity of vocational and residential program service options. Services are determined through assessments related to an individual's strengths, interests, and needs. Programs are operated under a variety of funding streams often requiring determination of eligibility by a third party agency (Central Illinois Service Access).

Panel 4 Residential/Workshop
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Bill Whitehouse, Program Director

Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

As soon as possible, I am currently meeting with freshman and sophomores in High School to guarantee that the individual becomes enrolled in the PUNS as soon as possible. I also schedule transition for the final semester of school. Prior to transition, formal application should be made.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

The gathering of information is coordinated through me. I rely on a variety of sources with school, and medical sources being primary.

What referral information is necessary?

At a minimum, I would need to have a Picture ID, Social Security Card, Medicaid Card, proof of disability (School Psych, Social History).

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

The individual must be a resident of Fulton County or Havana, Age 18 or older, and have a developmental disability.

Is there an income restriction?

There are no income restrictions.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Day Programming, Sheltered Work and Community Based Employment

Who determines appropriate services?

The Intake committee makes the decision of who is eligible for services at FCRC. However, individuals that are eligible for the Development Training Program must

also be awarded a Medicaid Waiver before starting. The only other way is if an individual is willing to pay privately.

What actions would terminate services?

An individual could be terminated from services if he/she met the criteria for disciplinary action as covered in Consumer Handbook.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

There is no direct cost for services. We generally rely on funding from the State. Each program has its own criteria. There is a process for private pay if an individual does not meet the State criteria or funding is delayed.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

The individual is responsible for entry level diagnostic testing. We do, however, attempt to refer the individual to other agencies that may be able to provide those services at little or no cost to the individual.

Is financial support available?

Since there is no direct cost for services, there is no financial support except as may be provided by the State.

What is needed to receive financial support?

There is no direct financial support, nothing is needed.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

The individual should apply as early as possible. The sooner the individual is determined eligible for services, the less the individual will lose in skills and abilities.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

We normally try to complete our application process within thirty days. However, in regards to the Medicaid Waiver, the time frame is very uncertain.

What determines length of services?

The length of services is determined by the individual. We have no set limits on how long a person may receive services.

Is there a waiting list?

Currently we do not have a waiting list. However, depending on what happens with the Medicaid Waiver situation, we may have to place people on hold until they receive their award letters.

Comments:

Panel 4 Residential/Workshop
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

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Agency Category:



Employment/Education

Park/Recreation

Parent/Advocacy

Support Agency



Residential/Workshop

Application:

When should application be made?

It varies depending on the service, but typically at age 18 or during the last year of high school if applying for day programs or employment services. Individuals seeking home-based services must be at least age 3 to apply.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

This is usually a joint effort between the individual, family and service provider.

What referral information is necessary?

It varies, depending on the service, but at a minimum, a report completed by a licensed Psychologist, Psychiatrist or Physician indicating the individual's diagnosis of a developmental disability, psychiatric disability, or physical disability is needed.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Must meet the reimbursement criteria for Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DHS/DDD) or Division of Rehabilitation Services (DHS/DRS), and Medicaid funding.

Is there an income restriction?

NA

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Developmental Training, Regular Work Program, Community Employment Services, and Community Support Services

Who determines appropriate services?

Once DHS has determined that the individual is eligible/approved for services, our services are tailored to the needs of each individual and family through an individualized treatment planning process.

What actions would terminate services?

The LMRC has a policy for Exclusion, Suspension & Discharge from Services, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Successful completion of the program.

Repeated noncompliance or lack of attendance.

Behavior that presents a danger to other consumers, staff or visitors.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No, as long as the individual meets state funding/eligibility criteria.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

It varies depending on the service, but typically these are paid by the state funding agency and/or Medicaid.

Is financial support available?

NA

What is needed to receive financial support?

NA

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Age 18 for day programs or employment services.

Age 3 for Children's Home-Based Support.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

It varies depending on the service.

What determines length of services?

Length of service is based on the needs of the individual.

Is there a waiting list?

NA

Comments:

Since the admissions process can vary greatly depending on the program/service, interested applicants are encouraged to call the office for more specific information.

Panel 4 Residential/Workshop
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Mike Predmore, VP of Program Services

Agency Category:



Employment/Education

Park/Recreation

Parent/Advocacy

Support Agency



Residential/Workshop

Application:

When should application be made?

The timing of the application depends on the service desired. However, generally individuals transitioning out of school to PARC's adult services should pursue funding (DHS, DRS or otherwise) as soon as the funding entity allows.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

The family should gather information. PARC is willing to help in this process.

What referral information is necessary?

This also depends on the funding source. Typically, a recent psychological evaluation, medical evaluation, social history, copy of the IEP and other data such as vocational/work history and behavior data is sought.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Depends on the service type (Residential, Workshop, or Employment).

Is there an income restriction?

No for the majority of PARC's adult services individuals must be Medicaid eligible.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Adult Programs include:

Rehabilitation Services, Support Services, Employment Services, Community Living Services and Respite care.

Who determines appropriate services?

After we have described our services the individual and their family decide what program may be the best fit.

What actions would terminate services?

This is determined on an individual basis. Typically services end due to significant changes in the individuals needs.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No not for the service. The only exception is if the individual chooses private pay.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

If further tests or more current testing is needed the referral/funding source is generally responsible to pursue testing.

Is financial support available?

N/A

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

The timing of the application depends on the service desired. However, generally individuals transitioning out of school to PARC's adult services should pursue funding (DHS, DRS or otherwise) as soon as the funding entity allows. PARC is willing to get involved with the planning for adult services at age 14.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Once paperwork, funding and the appropriate opening are identified services generally begin in 30 days or less.

What determines length of services?

The need for services generally determines the length of service.

Is there a waiting list?

Yes, but the stay on the waiting list for most programs is related to getting the identified funding not on space in the program.

Comments:

Panel 4 Residential/Workshop
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Brad VanBeuning

Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

Initial contact with us is suggested at 17.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

We will assist in all regards.

What referral information is necessary?

Again, we will assist with all required paperwork.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

18 years of age or older, meet state's definition of developmentally disabled; this can include Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and Epilepsy.

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Residential with abundant community activities; 24 hours Nursing Care able to meet most medical needs.

Who determines appropriate services?

We will assist you.

What actions would terminate services?

Any actions by resident that puts others in harm.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

None to family.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

We do for residents.

Is financial support available?

Not needed, all covered by Medicaid.

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

17 years of age or at any age thereafter.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Can be as quick as three weeks.

What determines length of services?

Resident and Family.

Is there a waiting list?

No waiting list currently and no having to wait for funding.

Comments:

St. Mary's Square Living Center is a very active home for males and females with developmental disabilities. We offer medical services and have 24 hour nursing care. We offer a two week stay as part of the admissions process to assure the prospective residents happy at The Square and that we can meet ALL of his/hers needs. Most importantly: one does not have to wait for "funding" in order to move in with us. You don't have to be on a 3-year waiting list! Ask us how! Please read the testimonial comments at: www.SMSLiving.org.

Panel 4 Residential/Workshop
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Tazewell County Resource Centers, Inc. (Residential)

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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Molly Anderson, Vice President of Residential

Agency Category:

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	Parent/Advocacy	Support Agency
	Residential/Workshop	

Application:

When should application be made?

An application should be made as soon as a decision had been made by you to place your child in a residential setting.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

TCRC will work with you and the PAS agent to gather all documentation.

What referral information is necessary?

Necessary referral information includes: psychological evaluation within the past five years; current physical including diagnoses and list of medications; psychiatric evaluation if applicable.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

A Developmental Disability

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Residential services, Day Training programs, Employment services, Early Intervention services, Respite services and Low Vision services.

Who determines appropriate services?

The PAS agent.

What actions would terminate services?

Please refer to handbook of each individual program.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

N/A

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

N/A

Is financial support available?

N/A

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Individuals seeking adult placement in a CILA should apply at 17 years of age or older.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Depends on PUNS.

What determines length of services?

N/A

Is there a waiting list?

Yes

Comments:

Panel 4 Residential/Workshop
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Tazewell County Resource Center, Inc. (Workshop/Employment)

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Agency E-Mail: tcrcorg.com

Agency Contact Person and or Title: Jamie Durdel Sr. of Program Services

Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

When consumer is ready to start a job search.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Deb Prieur, Director of Employment Services/TCRC

What referral information is necessary?

Name, Address, Phone, Social Security number Veteran, Birthdate, Highest grade completed and Primary disability.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Must have a diagnosed disability and eligible for services through DHS/DRS.

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Job Development, Case management, Job coaching, Job seeking and Classes.

Who determines appropriate services?

Referral committee, DHS/DRS and Employment Services Team.

What actions would terminate services?

Any felony or harm to a job coach and abuse of any kind.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

DHS/DRS

Is financial support available?

No

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Have had as young as 15 years old.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

2-3 weeks or sooner.

What determines length of services?

Lots of variables depending on the program there in.

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments:

TCRC, Inc. is committed to providing exceptional care and treatment through an array of services that are designed to promote independence, increase self efficiency, and strengthen individuals and families.

Panel 5 Support Agency
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

Agency Name: Advocates for Access

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Agency Contact Person and or Title: Terri Ralph, Youth Services Coordinator

Website: www.advocatesforaccess.com

Agency Category:

Employment/Education
 Parent/Advocacy
 Residential/Workshop

Park/Recreation
 Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

Consumers should make an appointment with a staff member in the program that they are interested in.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

N/A

What referral information is necessary?

N/A

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Self-disclosed Disability – any age.

Is there an income restriction?

There are no income restrictions for the following programs: Community Reintegration, Deaf/HOH Services, Direct Services, Peer Mentoring, Personal Assistant Referral, or Youth Services. Income restrictions do apply for the Home Ownership Program. Please call to inquire about them if interested.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Community Reintegration, Deaf/HOH Services, Direct Services, Home Ownership, Peer Mentoring, Personal Assistant Referral, and Youth Services.

Who determines appropriate services?

The consumer determines what services are appropriate for him/her.

What actions would terminate services?

The consumer can withdraw from services at their discretion or the consumer may have met her/his goals and withdraw.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

N/A

Is financial support available?

Yes, only through the Home Ownership program or Community Reintegration Program.

What is needed to receive financial support?

Conversation with the Home Ownership Coordinator or CRP Coordinator for Program requirements.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

A person of any age can request services.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

Immediate

What determines length of services?

Consumer choice

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments:

Advocates for Access is a not-for-profit, non-residential organization, established in 1985. Advocates for Access are managed by and for people with disabilities. We are a Center for Independent Living dedicated to “Empowering People with Disabilities to Live Independently in Our Community”. To fulfill this mission, Advocates for Access provides direct services, combines with advocacy for social change to allow greater integration of persons with disabilities into mainstream life. We serve people with disabilities, their families and the community in which they live. We also work with private organizations, local communities, service providers, businesses and industries that require technical assistance in responding to the needs of people with disabilities. Advocates for Access serve the counties of Peoria, Tazewell, Fulton and Woodford.

Panel 5 Support Agency
TRANSITION EXPOSITION - TRACK 2
PANEL QUESTIONS
April 15, 2009

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Agency Category:



Employment/Education

Parent/Advocacy

Residential/Workshop

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Support Agency

Application:

When should application be made?

As a child approaches 18 years of age.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Parent/Guardian

What referral information is necessary?

Physicians report will be needed but forms are provided when guardianship is begun.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Guardianship

Who determines appropriate services?

What actions would terminate services?

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Yes

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Is financial support available?

No

What is needed to receive financial support?

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

As a child approaches 18 years of age.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

From beginning it takes about 6 weeks to obtain guardianship.

What determines length of services?

Is there a waiting list?

Comments:

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Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

If seeking residential or vocational services application can be made at the age of 3 years old.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Parents/Guardians and CISA staff.

What referral information is necessary?

School IEP's, Psychological, Social Development Studies, and Agency ISP's, Medical information that documents the developmental delay, Individual's Social Security Number and Medicaid/All Kids Recipient ID number.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

An individual has to have a developmental disability in the form of a cognitive IQ of 75 or below. Related conditions of developmental disability such as Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy and Autism will qualify an individual as well if there are enough deficits in life skills. Individuals with Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy and Autism can have IQ's higher than 75. The developmental disability needs to have been documented before the age of 21.

Is there an income restriction?

An individual has to qualify for Medicaid or All Kids. For All Kids eligibility the parent's income is waived.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Assist individuals/families in signing up for PUNS, the statewide database that shows need for residential and vocational settings. With determining an individual's eligibility we complete a Pre-Admission Screen (PAS) after an individual comes off of

PUNS for residential and vocational placement. We further assist the families in finding residential or vocational service providers to work with the individual who has a developmental disability.

Who determines appropriate services?

Once determined to qualify for services under a Pre-Admission Screen (PAS) the individual or family makes the selection of what type of services they are interested in receiving as well as who they want those services from. The CISA case manager will inform individual/families what types of services are available and who offers them.

What actions would terminate services?

Termination from CISA services would mean that the individual has been shown to NOT having a developmental disability. CISA staff will share with the individual/family how to appeal our decision with the State of IL should this occur.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No- CISA is funded as a free service by the State of IL.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

When completing a PAS screen CISA will pay for a psychological to be done. The family/individual is responsible to pay for a doctor's visit to complete a physical and medical history as well as a psychiatric visit to complete a psychiatric evaluation IF the psychiatric evaluation is necessary to complete the PAS.

Is financial support available?

No

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

An individual has to be three years of age to apply for services under the PUNS database. Past the age of three it is the individual/families decision as to when they are interested in seeking residential or vocational services. However, the earlier an individual applies the better their chance of obtaining the service desired when there is a need for it.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

For Puns six weeks or less. To complete a PAS three to four months.

What determines length of services?

The individual/family.

Is there a waiting list?

Yes- PUNS in the waiting list (database) statewide for residential and vocational services. CISA staff assists individuals in signing up for that service.

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Agency Category:

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	Residential/Workshop		

Application:

When should application be made?

N/A

Who is responsible for gathering information?

N/A

What referral information is necessary?

N/A

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

None

Is there an income restriction?

No

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Create & plan your estate with regard to wills, guardianships, special needs trust.

Who determines appropriate services?

We suggest services based on individual family needs.

What actions would terminate services?

None

Cost:**Is there a cost for services?**

No

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Free services

Is financial support available?

N/A

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:**At what age should individuals apply?**

N/A

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

N/A

What determines length of services?

N/A

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments:

MetDesk is committed to helping families through the maze of legal and financial complexities surrounding planning for the future of children and other dependents with special needs. Through a dedicated network of specialist, MetDesk helps families secure both lifetime care and quality of life for their children or other dependents with special needs.

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Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

2 months before child turns 18

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Both parent/guardian and attorney

What referral information is necessary?

Name, address, phone number, birth date, last 4 numbers of Social Security number, income, assets, problem description

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Anyone under 60 must have income of 125% of poverty level or 200% with certain expenses. Assets must be \$9,000 or under (more than one car, bank assets, more than homestead property, etc.) Other rules apply but too much to explain here. People 60 and over qualify regardless of income and assets, but there may be filing and service fees.

Is there an income restriction?

Yes.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Family law-especially domestic violence situations, evictions, guardianships, other housing issues, public benefits-Social Security, Medicaid, etc., consumer law issues, elder law, and other issues for pro bono attorneys to consider.

Who determines appropriate services?

Staff and priorities we have set

What actions would terminate services?

Not following court orders, cooperating with us, etc.

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Filing fees and witness fees possibly, depositions?

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Not applicable

Is financial support available?

Yes

What is needed to receive financial support?

Attorney determination, income and assets of individual

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

18

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

2-3 weeks maybe, can be shorter

What determines length of services?

Attorney's time, how long the court cases take completion of legal problem resolution.

Is there a waiting list?

For divorces unless there is domestic violence

Comments:

We have a telephone counseling service for determination of conflict of interest and eligibility. They give advice or pamphlets or resources to help the person. Or, if it is something we might help with, the attorneys send it to us. Everyone has to contact the telephone counseling service first and the hours are 9:05 to 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

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Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

Planning should begin as soon as possible to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Who is responsible for gathering information?

We help you with that process.

What referral information is necessary?

N/A

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

No eligibility, but plans vary to suit each individual's needs.

Is there an income restriction?

There are income restrictions to consider with Special Needs Planning.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Special Needs Financial Planning, Estate Financial Planning, Long-Term Care.

Who determines appropriate services?

Your advisor work with you to provide appropriate services and solutions.

What actions would terminate services?

N/A

Cost:**Is there a cost for services?**

Costs vary for services based upon a number of factors. Full disclosure is given.

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

N/A

Is financial support available?

N/A

What is needed to receive financial support?

N/A

Time Frame:**At what age should individuals apply?**

It is never too early to begin plans.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

N/A

What determines length of services?

N/A

Is there a waiting list?

N/A

Comments:

Shannan Werckle is a Financial Advisor with Smith Barney and parent of a child with special needs. If you have special needs, or if you are the spouse, parent or grandparent of a special needs individual, there are unique planning techniques you may consider. Starting with assessing your needs and making the right planning choices, we can help you create integrated insurance, trust and gifting strategies. Planning begins with choosing your advisors – both legal and financial. It continues with consideration of your financial planning options, establishing a trust and selecting a trustee all while balancing your family's needs. It is never too early to begin planning. For more information visit: <http://fa.smithbarney.com/werckle>.

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Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

Who is responsible for gathering information?

What referral information is necessary?

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

Is there an income restriction?

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Who determines appropriate services?

What actions would terminate services?

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

Is financial support available?

What is needed to receive financial support?

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

What determines length of services?

Is there a waiting list?

Comments:

Services are very extensive and detailed to be in this questionnaire. Please call or go to the website for more information.

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Agency Category:

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Application:

When should application be made?

Any time between the ages of 0-21 years old

Who is responsible for gathering information?

Intake workers.

What referral information is necessary?

Name, address, phone, birth date, diagnosis, physicians involved, current services and insurance.

Eligibility:

What are eligibility requirements?

0 – 21 years of age, resident of IL, citizen of the U.S. Have a medically eligible condition that is managed by an approved DSCC physician.

Is there an income restriction?

Financial eligibility is based on family income.

Services:

What services does your agency provide?

Care coordination and financial assistance for medical services.

Who determines appropriate services?

Physicians involved with the child.

What actions would terminate services?

Noncompliance

Cost:

Is there a cost for services?

No

Who pays for necessary diagnostic tests?

DSCC if financially eligible.

Is financial support available?

Yes, for medical services.

What is needed to receive financial support?

Copy of income tax return documenting family size and income.

Time Frame:

At what age should individuals apply?

Any age between 0-21.

What is the timeframe from application to initiation?

On the average, 30-60 days.

What determines length of services?

Physician recommendations.

Is there a waiting list?

No

Comments: