

Transition

Transitioning for teens and young adults with special educational or healthcare needs requires planning in several areas to make life easier. The Delaware Disability Hub (DeIDHub) website was created to assist students in the transition years, their parents or caregivers and professionals by providing resources, connections, guidance and information from around the country. Although the DeIDHub covers the teen years forward, parents or caregivers need to start thinking about the transition years at a much earlier age to ensure a child reaches their full potential.

The GACEC Team

GACEC staff includes an Executive Director – Pam Weir, Officer Manager – Kathie Cherry, and Administrative Coordinator – Lacie Spence. The GACEC is centrally located in Dover and provides advice and information statewide. Contact the GACEC Team if you have questions on the DeIDHub or the GACEC.”



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DeLAWARE DisABILITY HUB

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What is the DelDHub?

The DelAWARE DisABILITY HUB provides resources for youth and young adults with special needs and disabilities during the transition years to help them reach their full potential. It is also designed to assist teachers, social workers, transition coordinators, case workers, parents, families, caregivers and other professionals who support Delaware's exceptional citizens. DelAWARE DisABILITY HUB will continue to grow as we reach out to serve more individuals in our state.

PLANNING CATEGORIES

The categories listed on the DelDHub home page have subcategories with a wealth of information for individuals wanting to make the transition years a success.



Education

Introduce options available after graduation, such as college or tech schools



Health

Take control of health and wellness in adult health services



It's My Life

Learn about exercising self-control, self-determination and self-advocacy



Transportation

Learn about available resources to help you become independently mobile



Employment

Review options, resources and guidelines for entering the world of work



Housing

Plan for future living arrangements and learn how to access housing



Legal

Know your rights and who to call when you need assistance



Understanding My Disability

Learn more about disabilities

Toolkits, Timelines, and Videos

Transitioning is not a new subject, but it may be new for you or someone in your care. Every state has transition resources and organizations that assist those in the transitional years. The DelDHub has toolkits and toolboxes to help you locate the information you need in each of the categories, along with videos on how to access various services and a timeline to assist with knowing when you should plan to do certain things along your transition journey. The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens of Delaware created the DelDHub to align with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that focuses on transitioning into post-secondary education and independent living. Check it out to learn more about transitioning.