Transition Tips for Families

What is transition?
Transition means getting ready for life after high school in these areas:
• careers,
• college and other education,
• community involvement,
• social life, and
• living situations.

Transition requires coordination among students, families, educators, and other professionals, and it works best when it happens in community settings.

Two of the most powerful predictors of successful postsecondary outcomes are:
• paid work and other community-based experiences during high school and
• participation in inclusive classrooms and community settings.

Additional Resources
• The Center for Parent Information and Resources offers parent resources of all kinds. https://www.parentcenterhub.org/
• RAISE provides resources and technical assistance about transition to parent centers. https://www.raisecenter.org/
• Wrightslaw is a clearinghouse for parent-friendly resources on special education law. https://www.wrightslaw.com/
• The National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT) summarizes research on effective transition practices. https://transitionta.org/topics/effective-practices/
• Our research on transition experiences is in the October 2022 issue of Exceptional Parent magazine.