

Federal Programs to Assist Transition-Age Youth with Serious Mental Health Conditions

In their report *Promise for the Future*, the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law identified several federal programs each addressing a portion of the wide range of needs of youth with serious mental health conditions who are transitioning into adulthood. The report identified 34 federal programs to help youth with mental illness. *Promise for the Future* is a collection of fact sheets on these programs. Each offers information about the program's purpose, services and funded activities, the administering federal agency, grantee and beneficiary eligibility, and a brief assessment of the program's impact.

Promise for the Future categorized the programs identified into the following categories:

1. School-Based Programs Addressing Transition Issues:
 - IDEA, Part B (OSEP)
 - Safe Schools and Healthy Students (ED, SAMHSA & OJJDP)
 - Elementary and Secondary School Counseling (ED)
 - Education for Homeless Children and Youth
 - High School Graduation Initiative
 - Investing in Innovation Fund

2. Higher Education
 - Direct Student Loan and Family Education Loan Programs (ED)
 - Pell Grants (ED)
 - Career and Technical Education State Basic Grants (ED)
 - Work-Study Program (ED)
 - Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (ED)
 - Perkins Loan Program (ED)
 - Education and Training Vouchers Programs for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care
 - TRIO: Talent Search
 - TRIO: Upward Bound
 - TRIO: Student Support Services

3. Employment Programs for People with Disabilities and Other Special Populations
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Title I Formula Grants
 - Disability Employment Initiative
 - Vocational Rehabilitation: Supported Employment
 - Ticket-to-Work and Work Incentives Improvement
 - Promoting Readiness of Minors on SSI (PROMISE)

4. General Employment Programs

- Workforce Investment Act Youth Formula Grants (ETA, Labor)
- Workforce Innovation Fund
- One-Stop Shop Career Centers (ETA, Labor)
- Job Corps (ETA, Labor)
- Youth Conservation and Youth Service Corps (AG & Interior)
- National Guard Challenge Program (DOD)
- YouthBuild (DOL)
- AmeriCorps

5. Basic Supports

- SSI Childhood Disability Benefits (SSA)
- Medicaid
- Chafee Independence Program
- Independent Living Centers
- Client Assistance Program (CAP)

For a detailed assessment of all programs, download the analysis as a PDF document from the following address: <https://www.bazelon.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Promise-for-the-Future-Factsheet-Compendium-1.pdf>