

Pennsylvania Secondary Transition Guide for Deaf-Blindness

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Find Information on:

- * Deaf-Blind Agencies and Supports
 - Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
 - Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BBVS)
 - Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH)
- * Agencies, Resources, and Supports
 - Pennsylvania Deaf-Blind Project
 - National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB)
 - Helen Keller National Center (Registry)
 - Perkins School for the Blind
- * Community Living/ Recreation and Leisure
- * Employment
- * Self Determination
- * Financial Supports and Services
- * Post-Secondary Education, Resources, and Schools

Preparing for your future

Where do I begin?

- * Pennsylvania Deaf-Blind Project
- * Interdisciplinary Transition Team Initiative (ITTI)
- * NCDB Transition Resources
- * Explore interests/discovery
- * Self Determination
- * Identify and use adaptations, accommodations, modifications, services and supports

While in school:

Practice self-advocacy and navigate your path to adult living by setting goals for:

- * Independent Living
- * Post-Secondary Education Training
- * Employment (vocational discovery and job exploration)
- * Complete your Summary of Performance (SOP) before exiting educational system
- * Continue to use Deaf-Blind transition resources
- * Connect with the Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services (BBVS)
- * Connect with the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- * Stay connected to optometrists/ophthalmologists, audiologists, and physical healthcare providers

As you graduate:

- * Know how to use your Summary of Performance document (SOP) to improve success in post-secondary environments
- * Register to vote (age 18)
- * Explore your health and welfare supplementary income options
- * Additional adult supports for Deaf-Blind (e.g., iCanConnectPA, Interpreters, Hab Aide, Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT) Short Term Loan Program)
- * Select an adult primary care doctor (by age 21)
- * Actively engage with adult agencies
- * Connect with Support Service Provider (SSP) Services