

Transitioning Children with FASDs into Adulthood

Resource Toolkit for Floridians

For people with FASDs, transitioning to adulthood can be challenging – but it doesn't have to be. Florida families living with FASDs can use the supports and resources in this toolkit to help transition children with FASDs into adulthood. This toolkit includes links to programs, services, and online resources.



Use this table to quickly identify resources that address your specific needs.

	Social and Emotional Support	Information Support	Disability Services	Care Coordination	Education and Employment Support	Medical Care Services
Programs and Services						
American Academy of Pediatrics - Florida Chapter		X				
The Arc Florida		X	X		X	
Best Buddies Florida	X	X	X		X	
Center for Independent Living		X	X		X	X
FASD Collaborative	X	X			X	
FASD United	X	X	X	X	X	
Florida Children's System of Care		X	X		X	
Florida Department of Education	X	X	X		X	
Medicaid Waiver Programs	X		X	X	X	X
Parent to Parent	X	X				
Special Olympics Florida	X					
The Tanagram Way	X					
State of Florida	X	X	X			X
Online Resources						
FASD Information		X	X		X	
IEP Transition		X			X	



Programs and Services

[American Academy of Pediatrics – Florida Chapter](#)

Provides resources for parents and clinicians

[The Arc Florida](#)

36 local chapters provide a wide range of human services and other supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families: advocacy, residential, educational, vocational, employment, and family supports

- ★ Check out [Arc Indiana's videos and webinars](#) about transitioning to adulthood, guardianship and alternatives, applying for Social Security benefits, employment, and community living
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[Best Buddies Florida](#)

Offers one-to-one friendship into adulthood, integrated employment, inclusive living, family support, and leadership development programs for individuals with and without I/DD

[Center for Independent Living](#)

Supports people with disabilities through peer support, independent living skills training, information and referral, individual and systems advocacy, and transition from institutions and secondary education

[The FASD Collaborative](#)

- Focuses on supporting the creation of fully inclusive communities addressing the needs of all individuals who are neurodiverse including the FASD community
 - Provides virtual and in-person support groups, online webinars, and special interest groups
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[FASD United](#)

- Serves as the national organization on FASD, supporting people with FASDs and promoting healthy pregnancies
- [Family Navigator Program](#) provides individuals living with FASDs, their family members, caregivers, supporters and professionals with expert, confidential referrals to resources and services, one-on-one peer support, and information on FASD
- Find your nearest [FASD United Affiliate Network](#) for additional FASD resources

Florida Children's System of Care – Wraparound Services

Uses a process focused on strengths, needs, and culture to develop an integrated plan to help individuals and their team achieve their shared vision. Wraparound is designed to teach families the skills and confidence to be independent.

Florida Department of Education – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Pre-Employment Transition Services

Provides job exploration counseling, peer mentoring, postsecondary educational counseling, self-advocacy, work-based learning experiences, work readiness training, career camps, STEM career and college exploration, inclusive postsecondary education programs, internships, and leadership training

Vocational Services

Assists people with disabilities in securing employment and preparing for adult life

Medicaid Waiver Programs

Florida has three waivers that are open to children: Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting, Familial Dysautonomia Wavier, and Model Waiver

Parent to Parent Florida

- Provides one-to-one parent matches to help parents become experts in their child's disability, learn medical and therapeutic terms, and navigate services, therapies, insurance issues, and public systems
 - Connects parents and caregivers of children with I/DD with trained mentors who have experience raising children with I/DD
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Special Olympics Florida

Provides sports and social connections for families with FASDs and other I/DD

The Tanagram Way

Offers virtual social groups and activities: bingo, book club, music club, afternoon social group, caregiver corner group, pre-recorded art lessons

State of Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities – Waivers for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Supports individuals with disabilities and their families in living, learning, and working within their communities by creating multiple pathways to possibilities including social, medical, behavioral, residential, and therapeutic services.



Online Resources

FASD Information

- [A Florida FASD Resource Directory](#) from FASD United
- [About Fetal Alcohol Syndrome](#) from Job Accommodation Network
- [Supporting Employment in Individuals with FASD: A Guide for Employment Professionals](#) from the Canada FASD Research Network
- [Supporting Success for Adults with FASD](#) from Community Living British Columbia
- [Towards Healthy Outcomes: A Framework for Integrated Community Intervention](#) from the Canada FASD Research Network
- [Understanding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Information for Parents and Careers](#) from NHS Ayrshire and Arran
- [What Parents and Caregivers Need to Know about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#) from Healthy Child Manitoba

IEP Transition

- [Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center](#) from Indiana University Bloomington
- [Individualized Transition Plans-Writing Plans that are Effective and Compliant](#) video from Gwen Palafox, PhD
- [What is IEP Transition Planning?](#) from Understood.com
- [What is the Transition Planning Process for Students with Disabilities?](#) from The Iris Center



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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Program
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