



DOWN SYNDROME GUILD  
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Dear Families,

We are constantly transitioning throughout our lives. While all of us handle change in our own way, major transitions often give rise to conflicting feelings. We may look forward to new experiences, yet worry about the unknowns. Taking adequate time to prepare and make a plan is the best way to alleviate the stress that can accompany change. For the families of children with Down syndrome, one of the most important (and challenging) transitions is when our son or daughter is no longer eligible for school services.

While in school, most, if not all, of the resources that make up a student's principle support system of special education and related services are mandated by law. Upon graduation, the student will no longer have an entitlement to many of the services. The process of identifying, applying for, and coordinating appropriate resources will fall mainly upon the family.

In an attempt to assist our member families, the Down Syndrome Guild's Options for Adults committee has prepared this

Resource Guide for Families of Adults with Down Syndrome.

We have attempted to cover the major topics – but the issues are very complex and the numerous programs are difficult to navigate. The resources within the guide are for informational purposes only and are not meant to be legal advice. The Down Syndrome Guild makes every attempt to keep our data current but cannot be responsible for the rapidly changing information on services and programs.

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