

WHO IS CPS AND WHAT DO WE DO?

In 1995 CPS was created to meet the needs of graduating ECLC students. CPS has a vision that every student will have access to a meaningful life post graduation. Our vision has grown to providing transition services to approximately 80 graduates from private and public schools per year.

CPS staff and administration are knowledgeable about obtainable resources in many communities. These resources include but are not limited to funding, employment, education, training, social, recreation, medical, housing, TANIF, transportation and many available adult services for students and families to make informed decisions. We assist families navigate a very confusing system so their focus remains on a future for their family member, friend or child.

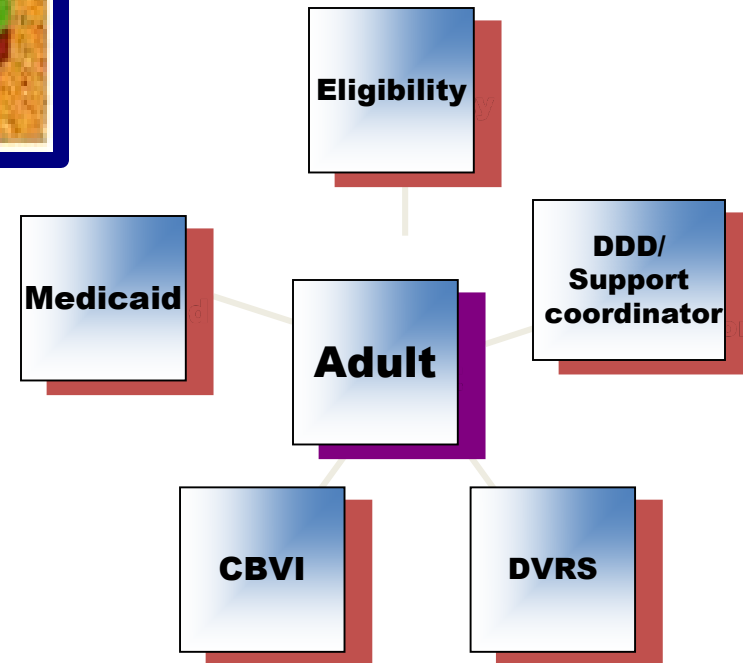
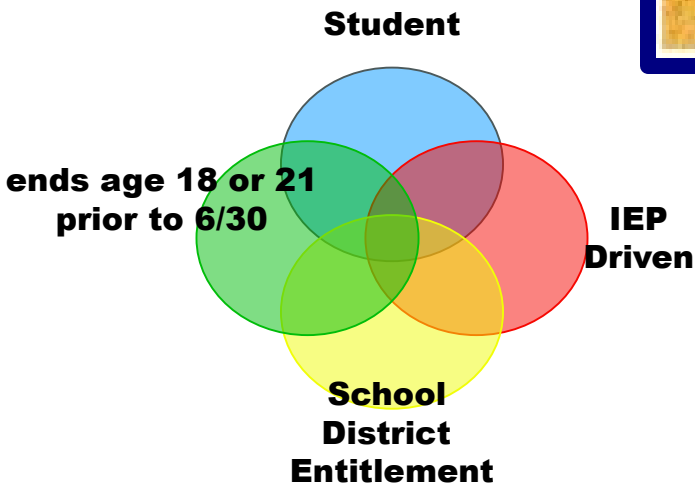
And it all begins with a meaningful transition.



CARF awarded a 3 year accreditation to CPS
Community Employment Services
Employment and Transition Services
Supports for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Governance Standards Applied

CPS works with families Bridging the Gap

Educational Entitlement – Adult Services Eligibility



Medicaid
CCP Waiver

DDD Individual
Employment Support

Supported
Employment

Competitive
Employment

Social Security

Graduation
**The ultimate “change of
placement”**

Habilitation Day
Program

Transportation
DDD Budget
Paratransit

Accommodations
for a Permit
Driving Eval
Driving Lessons

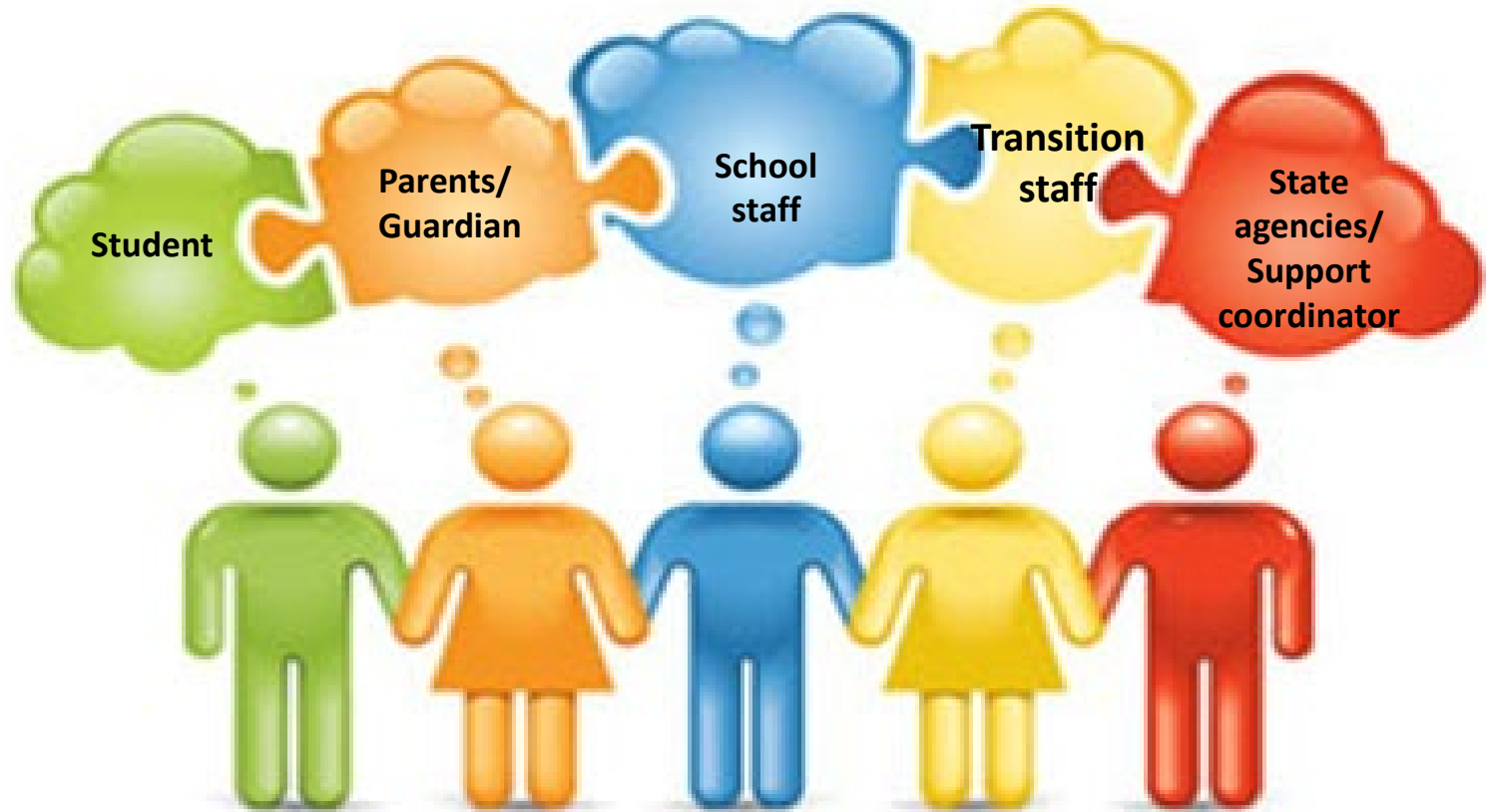
College
(Life Skills
Vocational
Special Programs
2 years, 4 years)

Funding
Time Lines

Guardianship
or
Proxy ?

Independent
Living Choices
Social
Connections

Collaboration is the key to success



“Alone we can do so little, Together we can do so much!” Helen Keller

Important Facts – What do you need to receive DDD services?

TO RECEIVE DDD SERVICES:

- Must be functionally eligible for DDD services and must have Medicaid. Best way to have Medicaid: Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at age 18. Everyone who receives SSI will also get **Medicaid**. SSI is the cash benefit. Medicaid is the health insurance benefit and the gateway to DDD services.
- Rule #1 –Age Matters! When the individual with a disability is under 18 years old, determination for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is based on the family income. When the individual is over 18, the determination is based on the individual's income. Apply as soon as possible after the individual's 18th birthday.

Rule #2 –Money Matters! If the individual has “too much” they won't be eligible. Person with a disability can't have more **than \$2,000 in his/her name (assets)**. This includes **anything with that person's Social Security number**. “Spend-down” if amount over \$2,000 is small. Can document for spend-down: summer camp; class trip; therapies not covered by insurance. No spend-down on food, clothing, shelter –these are considered the parent's responsibilities. Income can be earned or unearned –there are also some issues if someone has too much!

If applicable, consider a Special Needs Trust (SNT). Hire a professional who specializes in SNT!

- Set up an ABLÉ Account (Achieving a Better Life Experience) • Persons with disabilities can deposit up to \$17,000/year in an ABLÉ tax-exempt savings account.
- Age of onset of disability must be before age 26
- Must be receiving SSI or SSDI; or with medical documentation, someone can deposit money into ABLÉ as spend-down before applying for SSI.
- ABLÉ accounts won't affect continuing financial eligibility for SSI, Medicaid and other public benefits, until the account reaches \$100,000.

THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
APPLICATION PROCESS



You've Got Funding!

self-directed day
services DDD
support
coordination

DVRS/CBVI

medicaid

choices





CPS

ECLC OF NEW JERSEY

COMMUNITY PERSONNEL SERVICES, INC.
A Supported Employment Program



Transition - Getting Ready for Work do's and don'ts

Do

- Get to know employers near your home
- Practice interviewing skills
- Further your education if it makes sense!
- Create a resume
- Learn tasks that translate to employment
- Explore areas of interest
- Internships /job samples near your home
- Increase stamina to 4 hours
- Functional evaluations for 16 hours
- Understand your job coach will help you learn

Don't

- Expect a job you cannot do
- Worry if you need more time to learn social skills
- Rush to obtain “any” job
- Focus on what you can't do
- Think a work sample at school will translate to a position doing that same job (it may be soft skills you are working on)
- Get stuck on one career path (explore)
- If ready accept a job offer while in school so your supports will include your job coach and teachers translating to success

PLAN BASED ON ABILITY, GOALS AND NEEDS

REMEMBER

YOU ARE NO LONGER ENTITLED BUT YOU CAN BE FOUND ELIGIBLE

Post
Secondary
Where???

CHOICES?

- Consider the preparation process (tutoring first)
- Community Colleges (2 year)
- Testing (do I have to take it)
- Matriculate/non Matriculate
- Live home or on campus
- Programs that include daily living skills
- Programs specifically designed to meet the needs of students with disabilities.
- Programs designed for a vocational outcome (fitness instructor, x-ray techs, dental assistant etc.)

"I have a test tomorrow and need..."

"I need a sign language interpreter."

"I have a disability and need help"



"I have to take my exams at DSSO."

"I have a learning Disability"

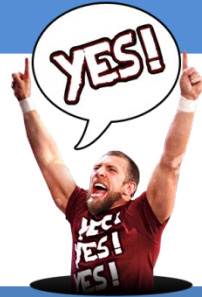
"You are obligated to accommodate me"

"I am protected by ADA".

"I need a note taker"



DOES ADULT SERVICES FUNDING WORK? CAN I ACCESS ALL FUNDING SOURCES AT THE SAME TIME?



YES!

DVRs/CBVI	MEDICAID	SUPPORT COORDINATION SELF DIRECTED BUDGET
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRAINING • JOB SAMPLING LEADING TO EMPLOYMENT • WORK ADJUSTMENT • DRIVING EVALUATIONS/LESSONS WHEN INDICATED • CAREER COUNSELING • FINANCIAL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A MUST HAVE TO ACCESS DDD • MEDICAL CARE • DENTAL CARE • HOME HEALTH AIDE • PPP – YOU HIRE YOUR HELP! • TRANSPORTATION • ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT • THERAPY • CASE MANAGER (MANAGED CARE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVED VENDORS ONLY • EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES – LEARN MORE • VOCATIONAL RESOURCES • FITNESS RESOURCES – BUILD STAMINA • PROGRAMS INCREASING INDEPENDENCE • SOCIAL SKILLS “ADD ONS” • THERAPIES AND BEHAVIORISTS • CHOOSING THE BEST SERVICES FOR

The 3 C's of life:

Choices, chances and changes. You must
make a choice to

take a chance or your life will never
change





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A Supported Employment Program

Community Personnel Services – www.cpsfnj.org

DDD Supports Program – <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/individuals/community/care/>

Community Care Waiver – <https://njcdd.org/wp-content/uploads/Quick-Guide-for-Families-English.pdf>

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation - <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/services/vocation/>

Boggs Center Information for People Using Supports and Families -

<http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/projects/infopeopleandfamilies.html>

Social Security Administration - <http://www.ssa.gov/>

NJ Surrogate Courts - <http://www.njsurrogates.com/>



QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS?

CONCERNS?