

## Parent Resource Checklist

The planning that occurs during transition is not a linear process, but can be quite complex. The following checklist is only a general guideline and should not be considered all-inclusive.

\_\_\_ Apply for the Home Community Based Services (HCSB) Waiver through your local Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO). You may begin this process at age 5. **The earlier you apply the better.**

\_\_\_ Apply for Supplemental Security Income for your child.

\_\_\_ Apply for Medicaid for your child. If your student qualifies for SSI, they automatically qualify for Medicaid. Once a student is on the HCBS Waiver (off the waiting list) they automatically qualify for Medicaid.

\_\_\_ Once student has applied for HCBS Waiver through your local Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO); ***select a Targeted Case Manager.***

\_\_\_ Check into school and community leisure activities to get your child involved and active.

### **Once your child is nearing 18:**

\_\_\_ Begin guardianship process. It is recommend starting at least 6 months before student turns 18- to be finalized after they turn 18. ***Note: you do not need to obtain guardianship before as you are your child's guardian by law until age 18.***

\_\_\_ If your student is not already SSI eligible, apply as soon as they turn 18. ***Note: You will only count their income/resources on the application, no one else in the household.***

\_\_\_ If your student is not already Medicaid eligible & has been found by SSI as an Adult Disabled Peron, apply as soon as they turn 18. ***Note: Once they are SSI eligible, they will automatically qualify for Medicaid. You will only count their income/resources on the application, no one else in the household.***

\_\_\_ Apply for Vocational Rehabilitation Services (if applicable). ***Note: It is recommended to apply a year and a half before students exit school services.***

\_\_\_ Assist son/daughter to obtain valid state ID card through the local Department of Motorized Vehicles office. Proper identification is required to secure paid community employment.

For assistance with any of the above items, please contact the school transition coordinator, Cristi Wieggers, at (785) 456-2214 ext. 5050 or by email at: [wieggersc@usd320.com](mailto:wieggersc@usd320.com)