

# Transition from School to Work

Engagement • Employment • Independence



## OOD Transition Services Include:

- Career Guidance and Counseling;
- Summer Youth-Career Exploration;
- Summer Youth-Work Experience;
- Summer Youth-Job Development;
- Job Development;
- Job Coaching.

## Helping Students Transition

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is a state agency that, as part of their mission, helps students with disabilities successfully transition from school to work.

Transition teams work together to develop activities and experiences designed to provide students with the necessary skills and knowledge to reach their post-secondary goals.

- OOD's **goal for successful transition** includes planning for, finding and keeping a job prior to exiting from high school;
- After employment, counselors conduct **follow-up activities** to make sure employment is sustainable.

## OOD Counselors:

- Work with students and their team to ensure coordination of services and to identify appropriate employment goals;
- Meet with students individually to develop plans for their career development path.

***Students with disabilities, who have a job at the time of exit from school, are 5.1 times more likely to be engaged in post-secondary employment and education.***

## Who is eligible for OOD Transition Services?

Students ages 14-21 who have a disability that causes a substantial barrier to his/her ability to get or keep a job may be eligible for OOD services. Students must also demonstrate a need for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services.

## How can a student apply for OOD services?

- A referral for services can be made by the student, family, education staff, or other local agencies;
- Information including the applicant's name, address, age, nature of disability, Social Security number and referral source will be needed at time of application;
- Applications for youth under 18 years of age require parental / guardian consent.

## When should a student apply for OOD services?

OOD can begin serving students with disabilities as early as age 14. It is ideal to refer a student to OOD as early as possible so that the counselor can be part of the planning process for post-secondary employment.

## Contact Your Local OOD Office:

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Lima	419-228-1421 800-207-6047
Mansfield	419-747-3000 800-354-6271
Toledo	419-866-5811 800-589-5811

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Cincinnati	513-852-3260 800-686-3323
Dayton	937-331-5000 800-582-1589
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