

Transition

What do you want upon graduation? Do you have concerns about these next steps in life? What are YOU excited about?

Although transitioning from high school to being successfully employed is an exciting idea, you may feel uncertain about your future and the options that are available to you. Don't worry—these feelings are normal. By working closely with your DBVI counselor, we will ensure you take the necessary steps to succeed.

What you can expect

Keep in mind this process will take some work. It will require you to be motivated and willing to look inward and discover your interests, abilities, and challenges. By participating, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Explore career interests
- Consider technical schools or colleges
- Attend summer activities such as LEAP (Learn, Earn and Prosper, which is paid summer employment)
- Participate in work experiences at businesses or build job readiness skills

Your DBVI counselor will work closely with you and provide guidance as you make decisions about your next steps on your career path to:

- Attend college
- Participate in vocational training
- Find employment
- Improve your independent living skills

Here's what you do

You will be asked to describe challenges related to your vision. It is your responsibility to describe the things that you have difficulty doing and to find solutions so you can do the tasks. An effective transition plan requires a cooperative partnership with your DBVI counselor who will ask you to describe and explore your interests, skills, and abilities.

You will begin working with DBVI during high school. Your DBVI counselor will get to know you and work with people at your school to assist as you take steps towards your career goals. For example, if you are planning to attend college, it is important that you take the required courses. If you are planning to go directly to work, it is important for you to explore technical training options. Once you

graduate, your DBVI counselor will continue to be an important resource and will provide guidance as your plan evolves.

Services in Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE):

- The opportunity to explore job options, work experiences, and participate in on-the-job training
- A technology assessment to find out if assistive technology is needed to participate in education or a training program, employment tasks, or access printed materials
- Discussions about financial need and funding opportunities to support enrollment in training or college
- Guidance when developing a solid plan for employment