

# Riverside Family Support Center

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## Age Appropriate Timeline

<b>Age 14-15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Begin planning. Start with Vision Statements/Collage/Personal Profiles. Determine what the student wants to do in life based on his/her interests.</li><li>•Become acquainted with services, begin planning IEP (obtain Statement of Needed Transition Services), have meetings to develop goals, and research agencies.</li><li>•Strengthen DESE Transition Planning Form.</li></ul>
<b>Age 16-17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Continue developing Vision Statement/Collage and update Transition Planning Form (revise goals and look at what was effective vs. ineffective).</li><li>•Identify transition needs in Transition Planning Form of the IEP.</li><li>•Explore interests and opportunities in the community and prepare to apply for Social Security and Mass Health.</li><li>•DDS eligibility application process begins – consult with Children’s Coordinator to make sure 688 Referral is complete and sent. Start Guardianship process.</li></ul>
<b>Age 18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Age of Majority: under Mass Law, students become responsible for making their own decisions regarding medical services and education, except if a court appointed guardian is in place.</li><li>•DDS Adult eligibility should be completed and determined. Parental rights should be transferred. Pending eligibility, the assigned DDS Transition Service Coordinator will be in contact.</li><li>•Section 8 Housing can be applied for.</li></ul>
<b>Age 19-20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Continue developing Vision for future. Update Transition Planning Form and IEP goals.</li><li>•DDS (Transitional Agency) completes ITP (Individual Transitional Plan) which will determine need of services and assign to state agency.</li></ul>
<b>Age 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Continue refining Vision for future and explore opportunities in community/home-based per IEP and ITP.</li><li>•Receive DDS generated and approved ITP. Work with Transition Coordinator to learn about services and select best option.</li></ul>
<b>Age 22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Adult Services eligibility begins.</li><li>•Meet with Adult Service Coordinator (may need to set up ISP – Individual Service Plan)</li><li>•Options: employment, work training activities, day habilitation, transportation, individual/family support, and residential.</li></ul>