

Students Planning for What's Next:

A Resource Guide for Students After Public School



This document was developed by Transition Coordinators who work in the local public school districts of Oakland County. The resources and agencies listed below are some of the commonly accessed supports available for students and families, which may begin while the individual is still in public schools.

Note: *Students are encouraged to participate in all transition-related meetings.*

Certificate of Completion:

Community Resources & Services

This resource is designed to help families explore options and plan for a meaningful adult life after school-based services end. The programs and ideas shared are intended to be guided by each individual's unique interests, strengths, and goals. Many supports and opportunities are accessed through community agencies and Medicaid-funded services and are developed through a person-centered planning process. The goal is to empower individuals with disabilities to build fulfilling, self-directed lives that reflect what matters most to them.



PLEASE NOTE: This document is provided for informational purposes only to help individuals, families, and guardians explore community resources. Inclusion of any program, service, or facility does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation by the school or district. Some resources may require private payment, while others may require a referral from a community agency. Families are encouraged to consult with their community agency support coordinator and evaluate the listed programs (as well as any other available options) to determine their suitability, accessibility, and potential financial obligations.



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Employment: Focuses on employment options after exiting school, including supported employment, job coaching, vocational programs, and volunteer opportunities. This section emphasizes matching work to individual strengths, interests, and support needs.

Skill Building: Highlights opportunities to continue developing essential life skills, including communication, problem-solving, self-advocacy, and workplace behaviors. Skill building is essential for maintaining independence and success in adult environments.

Independent Living: Addresses housing options and daily living supports, supported living, group homes, or independent apartments with services. Families will learn about skills and supports needed for safe and successful living arrangements.

Social / Recreational: Covers ways adults can stay socially connected and engaged through recreation programs, clubs, community classes, and social groups. Meaningful social opportunities are key to quality of life and emotional well-being after school services end.

Future / Life Planning: Encourages long-term planning beyond age 26, including person-centered planning, goal setting, and identifying what a meaningful adult life looks like for each individual. This section helps families think beyond services and focus on a life vision.

Advocacy / Guidance: Provides guidance on self-advocacy, family advocacy, guardianship or alternatives, and navigating adult systems. As school protections end, this section helps families understand their rights, responsibilities, and decision-making options.

Transportation: Explains transportation options after school services end, including public transit, paratransit, community ride programs, and travel training. Reliable transportation is essential for employment, social participation, and independence.

Camps: Shares information about adult camps and extended recreation opportunities designed for individuals with disabilities. These programs can offer structure, socialization, and enrichment beyond the school setting.

Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN)

5505 Corporate Drive, Troy, MI 48098

Phone: (248) 464-6363 (Access)

OCHN promotes independence, choice, and community inclusion for adults and children with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental health concerns, and substance use disorders by providing public behavioral health services through OCHN's provider network. The majority of these individuals have Medicaid insurance coverage. OCHN's goal is to ensure these individuals are aware of and have access to services and supports that will improve their health and quality of life, and to ensure their full engagement in community participation.

OCHN's Mental Health School Navigators (MHSN) provide mental health and substance use outreach and resources to schools in Oakland County. MHSNs connect youth and families to behavioral health and substance use supports, as well as financial assistance.

Easterseals MORC

Phone: (248) 276-8000

Easterseals MORC supports individuals with disabilities and their families across Michigan by providing services that promote independence, inclusion, and quality of life. They offer a wide range of programs, including early intervention, behavioral health, autism services, employment support, and community-based living assistance. Their goal is to help children, youth, and adults reach their full potential through personalized, compassionate support.

Community Living Services

Phone: (248) 547-2668

Providing support and services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities for decades. Supports Coordinators are on the front lines every day, accessing resources in communities, helping find employment and volunteer opportunities, and working toward a future of independence and freedom for those that they serve. CLS connects people/families with qualified individuals and Provider agencies, and can assist in the interview process to help people decide who they would like to provide their services and supports.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services

25900 Greenfield, STE 430, Oak Park, MI, 48327

Phone: (248) 968-5003

Email: LEO-MRS-OPReferrals@michigan.gov

51111 Woodward Avenue, STE 4D, Pontiac, MI, 48342

Phone: (248) 972-9170

Email: LEO-MRS-PORReferrals@michigan.gov

MRS is a statewide network of vocational rehabilitation (VR) professionals that provides services to eligible individuals with disabilities to prepare for and engage in employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency. MRS is well known for services such as Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) and Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Every school district has an MRS Pre-ETS *and* VR counselor. Contact your local MRS counselors to learn about Pre-ETS, VR Services, and all of the opportunities available under each umbrella.

For individuals with visual impairments or who are legally blind, refer to:

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

201 N Washington Square #2, Lansing, MI 48933

Phone: (517) 241-1100

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Best Buddies

22681 Woodward PO Box 20086 Ferndale, MI 48220

Phone: (517) 304-4959

Email: michigan@bestbuddies.org

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Available services include:

- One-to-One Friendships: (fostering one-to-one friendships between individuals with and without IDD).
 - Integrated Employment: (this program secures jobs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), allowing them to earn an income, pay taxes, and continuously and independently support themselves).
 - Leadership Development: (these programs educate and empower people with and without IDD to become leaders, public speakers, and advocates).
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CNS Healthcare Clubhouses

185 Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac, MI 48341

Phone: (248) 335-8710

Email: jennifer@onmyownofmi.org

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Dutton Farms:

2290 Dutton Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Phone: (248) 608-4173

Email: office@duttonfarm.org

At Dutton Farm, we empower adults with disabilities to achieve independence & dignity through education, workforce development, and advocacy. Our on-site skill-building program is designed to empower individuals with developmental disabilities by enhancing their abilities and fostering independence through structured activities and hands-on learning. We offer adult education, focusing on a range of essential and pre-vocational skills, including communication, social interaction, problem-solving, and teamwork; and community involvement, offering a variety of extracurricular activities designed to enhance essential skills such as communication, problem-solving, time management, and self-advocacy.

Freedom Work Opportunities, Inc.

900 Middle Rd. Highland, MI 48357-0656

Phone: (248) 887-1597

Email: rtrimper@freedomwork.org

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Gesher Human Services (formerly JVS)

29699 Southfield Road Southfield, MI 48076

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TTY: (248) 559-5145

Gesher Human Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people across metro Detroit lead more stable and fulfilling lives through career development, behavioral health, and residential services that strengthen our community by strengthening the individual. Services for people with disabilities include: Supported Employment (skill building & vocational rehabilitation), Residential Services (community living supports and specialized & semi-independent living), Activities & Enrichment, Supports Coordination.

Jay Shop Inc.

242 Cesar E Chavez Ave, Pontiac, MI 48342

Phone: (248) 335-9156

Email: employment@thejayshop.org

The Jay Shop offers a Transitional Work Program for members of disadvantaged & disabled communities to gain valuable workplace experience while earning income, helping them sustain and transition to competitive employment in the future. The Jay Shop provides career development training to help build future careers, including using a computer to find jobs, one-on-one assistance to improve literacy skills, developing resumes, and training in Microsoft Office programs.

Judson Center

30301 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (Admin offices)

4410 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073 (Oakland office)

Phone: (248) 549-4339

Judson's vocational & skill-building services empower people with disabilities to live with dignity, purpose, and inclusion.

Vocational & skill-building services: Once an individual has received a referral from either Community Mental Health or Michigan Rehabilitation Services, a Judson Center staff member will contact the client and/or their caregiver to arrange a meeting. At this meeting, our team will explain the services that can be offered and discuss the next steps for Employment or Skill Building Services.

Ken's Krew

One Rockefeller Plaza, Ste 1506 New York, NY 10020

Phone: (212) 290-8999

Email: info@kenskrew.org

Through our time-tested model of one-on-one skills assessment and vocational training, we help individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities find and retain meaningful jobs. Applicants must be diagnosed with

neurodevelopmental disability and should have the skills necessary to enter independent competitive employment. Ken's Krew assesses applicants for job compatibility with our employment partners. Applicants fitting the criteria to fill available jobs are accepted as Krew Members and assisted with job placement, training, and retention services. Positions are part-time, customer-service-based in a retail environment.

Lahser Pre-Vocational Centers

5871 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346

Phone (248) 623-3067

Lahser Pre-Vocational Center provides skill-building services to individuals diagnosed with developmental disabilities residing in Oakland and Macomb Counties. Our Mission is to provide individuals with developmental disabilities with enrichment opportunities & alternatives, including recreational, academic, social, & therapeutic services, that enable them to function at their optimal potential with all the rights afforded them as full citizens. All programs are funded through Community Mental Health Agencies under Medicaid or private-pay agreements.

Life Skills Centers

P.O. Box 380676 Clinton Township, MI 48038

Phone: (586) 468-3682

Empowering Independence for Adults with Disabilities in Michigan. Life Skills Centers is dedicated to guiding individuals with disabilities on their journey of self-empowerment and increased independence. Our mission is to provide a foundation for individuals to thrive by cultivating autonomy, fostering social engagement, and connecting them with meaningful opportunities. Through our specialized services—Community Integration, Employment Support, Memory Care, and our By the Water Thrift program—we enable individuals with disabilities across Michigan to gain life skills, confidence, and reach employment goals in a supportive community.

Living and Learning Enrichment Center

801 Griswold St, Northville, MI 48167

Phone: (248) 308-3592

Email: office@livingandlearningcenter.org

Our mission is to enhance the lives of our participants with disabilities through therapeutic, social, work-based, and community engagement. We strive to support, enrich, inspire, and embolden our participants and their families so they can achieve their goals. Programs offered include job skills, social skills, clinical service, special interest clubs/classes, art classes, support groups, and summer camps. Living & Learning is also home to Mod Market, an inclusive artist's market providing employment training to individuals with different abilities.

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Michigan Works

2100 Pontiac Lake Road

Waterford, MI 48323

Phone: (248) 858-5520

Email: oaklandcountymiworks@oakgov.com

Oakland County Michigan Works! provides workforce development services for job seekers, incumbent workers, employers, and youth across Oakland County. In partnership with employers, educators, economic developers, and community organizations, Oakland County Michigan Works! is committed to creating a qualified workforce that meets the current and future talent needs of Oakland County companies.

Oakland County Michigan Works! partners closely with Michigan Rehabilitation Services and the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (the State Vocational Rehabilitation program in Michigan). Let us help connect you to training and job placement resources provided by our office and Michigan Rehabilitation Services.

New Horizons Rehabilitation Services

1814 Pond Run, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Phone: (248) 340-0559

New Horizons is a nationally recognized, accredited, not-for-profit organization that helps people with disabilities achieve their vocational goals through personalized employment programs and services throughout Southeastern MI. We offer customizable skill-building, job training, and job placement services to individuals facing barriers to employment, with the ultimate outcome of gainful employment.

Employment Options Unlimited: [Click here](#)

5895 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI 48346

Phone: (248) 276-8933

Employment Options is a nonprofit dedicated to expanding employment for Americans with disabilities.

Interested individuals are referred by case managers through OCHN or directly through a support coordinator with EastersealsMORC or CLS. We connect job seekers, students, and community members with employers through career assessments, job training, coaching, and placement services, while also building social, community, and volunteer skills. Employers benefit from pre-screened candidates, reduced recruitment needs, on-the-job support, and guidance in accessing tax credits.

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Creative Empowerment Opportunities

345 Edison St., Pontiac, MI 48342

Program Supervisor: Cara Flockhart

Phone: (248) 858-7847

Fax: (248) 920-0361

Email: cara.flockhart@creativeemployment.net

We are an accredited non-profit human service agency that has been providing support since 1993 for Persons Served with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum, physical disabilities, and in recovery from mental illness. We began as a small program servicing a few Persons Served located in Macomb County, Michigan. Over the last 24 years, we have grown to 8 locations proudly serving over 500 Persons with 150 employees. We help Persons Served learn daily living skills in functional academics, physical health, social recreation, volunteering, and employment. We serve Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair Counties and offer transportation services

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Gi-Gi's Playhouse

19799 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite L15 Southfield, Michigan 48076

Phone: (248) 557-9899

Email: Detroit@gigisplayhouse.org

We make a lifetime commitment to changing lives and providing hope by consistently delivering FREE educational, therapeutic, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community, using a replicable playhouse model.

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Mary's Children

495 E 14 Mile Rd, Clawson, Michigan 48017

Phone: (248) 307-0242

Mary's Children Family Center is a supportive, pre-vocational day program for adults with brain injuries or intellectual and developmental disabilities. Participants attend for six hours per day and participate in structured, supervised activities that build independence and improve quality of life. The center offers

academic, physical, occupational, and recreational programming, all designed to help individuals feel safe, supported, and empowered to work toward their personal goals.

The Center also partners with local universities and high schools, bringing in speech therapy and nursing students, as well as volunteers, for group activities and social interaction. Participants can also choose to join community outings based on their individual plan of service. Families can expect a caring environment with daily opportunities for skill-building, connection, and meaningful engagement.

New Gateways Inc.

5195 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford Twp, MI 48327

Phone: (248) 538-7830

Email: administration@newgateways.org

At New Gateways, we make it our mission to enhance the independence and enjoyment of those with disabilities, giving them the chance to experience new and exciting opportunities through the programs and activities we offer at our facility and in the community. We host programs that encourage skill building, self-sufficiency, and vocational learning. We also offer a community activity program that helps disabled adults enhance their quality of life by providing a variety of opportunities to experience new and exciting community activities.

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On My Own of Michigan

1250 Kirts Boulevard, Suite 300, Troy, Michigan.

Phone: (248) 649-3739

Email: jennifer@onmyownofmi.org

On My Own of Michigan is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making independent living possible for people with developmental disabilities. Through unique and specialized programs, such as Independence Prep and Independence College, as well as its Skill Building program, On My Own of Michigan helps individuals prepare to live independently, work, and build a community of friends.

OUCARES *(now called The Joanne and Ted Lindsay Foundation Autism Outreach Services)*

Pawley Hall, Room 381

456 Pioneer Dr. Rochester, MI 48309-4482

Phone: (248) 370-2424

Email: oucares@oakland.edu

The Joanne and Ted Lindsay Foundation Autism Outreach Services (commonly known as OUCARES) encompasses the outreach services of the Oakland University Center for Autism. The mission of OUCARES is to improve the quality of life of individuals impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) by offering quality and comprehensive programs across the lifespan. OUCARES offers a variety of programs for people living with ASD, aged three through adulthood, their families and caregivers, and the broader community. If you are seeking support for an individual on the spectrum, OUCARES has a program or service that can be a valuable resource.

Think College

Institute for Community Inclusion, UMass Boston

Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Phone: (617) 287-4300

Email: thinkcollege@umb.edu

Think College is a national technical assistance, research, and evaluation center dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving higher education options for students with intellectual disabilities. But it's so much more than that. Think College provides resources, technical assistance, and training on college options for students with intellectual disabilities and manages the only national listing of college programs for these students in the United States.

Angles' Place

29299 Franklin Rd. Southfield, MI 48034

Phone: (248) 350-2203

Email: info@angelsplace.com

Angels' Place is a faith-based community that provides loving homes and professional support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Community Housing Network

5505 Corporate Drive, Suite 300, Troy, MI 48098

(248) 928-0111 Phone

Community Housing Network is a nonprofit organization committed to providing homes for people in need through proven strategies of homelessness prevention, housing assistance and development, community education and referral, advocacy, and additional services. We carry out our work primarily in Southeast Michigan.

Disability Network of Eastern Michigan (DNEM)

1709 John R Rd, Troy, MI 48083

Phone: (586) 268-4160

DNEM is a Center for Independent Living serving Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola counties. As a CIL, we are a community-based, cross-disability, non-profit organization designed and operated by people with disabilities for people with disabilities. We are committed to promoting inclusion for all by breaking down barriers and opening paths towards independence and personal choice through resources, advocacy, information, support, and education. Available services include: Advocacy, Independent Living Skills Training, Information and Referral, Peer Support, and Transition Services.

Drew's Home of Clarkston

6433 Waldon Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

Phone: (248) 866-3649

Email: info@drewshomeclarkston.org

The vision of Drew's Home is to provide accessible residential apartments that serve as the ideal housing solution for families searching for a location with strong community ties for their adult children with disabilities. Residents live in personalized one-, two-, or three-bedroom apartments that provide safe, healthy environments. Individual residents choose caregivers who meet their specific needs. (Faith-based)

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Rochester Housing Solutions

1555 Rochester Rd, Leonard, MI 48367

(248) 453-4273

Rochester Housing Solutions is a nonprofit that helps create housing communities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism. Their goal is to support adults in living as independently as possible while still having access to community connections and support services. They help families navigate housing options, independent living supports, and long-term planning for adulthood. The organization also partners with developers to build inclusive neighborhoods where people with and without disabilities can live together.

Adaptive Recreation

Oakland County Parks

Phone: (248) 221-8040

Email: OCPrecreation@oakgov.com

Inclusion services are offered so that individuals with disabilities can participate in any program or event hosted by Oakland County Parks. A certified therapeutic recreation specialist coordinates programs for individuals with disabilities and provides training to staff and volunteers to assist individuals during general recreation programs. Partnerships with more than 30 non-profit agencies, schools, and disabled sports organizations enable Oakland County Parks to provide unique recreational options in collaboration. The Quiet Zone is a sensory-inclusive space where sensory regulation tools, such as noise-reducing headphones and fidget tools, are available. Check out the [Therapeutic/Adaptive Recreation Resource Guide](#) for details on recreational therapy across Michigan.

The Art Experience

175 South Saginaw Street, Pontiac, Michigan 48342

Phone: (248) 706-3304

Email: customerservice@theartexperience.org

We provide and develop quality arts programs that build community. All are welcome--all ages and all abilities. Art is for everyone. Therapeutic programs include group art therapy and private art therapy sessions; "Connection for Caregivers", a pilot Art Therapy program for individuals who are acting as caregivers for their loved ones; and "Artist in Residence," where emerging artists with special needs can spend a scheduled number of hours in the studio working with artist mentors and art therapists.

Banbury Cross

1223 Brauer Road, Oxford, MI 48371

Phone: (248) 628-7433

E-mail: info@banburycrossriding.org

Where horses help us feel and heal, live and love, grow and soar! Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center was founded on the principles of utilizing horseback riding to benefit individuals with disabilities. Originating in Europe in the 1940s, this treatment modality relaxes muscles, improves muscle tone and coordination, and enhances both mental and emotional well-being through discipline and concentration. Ultimately, it is therapeutic for the soul.

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Club 21 *(Down Syndrome Guild of Southeast Michigan)*

P.O. Box 28, Royal Oak, MI 48068

Phone: (248) 925-7026

Email: info@dsgsemi.org

Join us every month at Club 21 for a DJ Dance party, snacks, games, and fun! Don't forget to sign up for our newsletter to stay up to date on times and dates for this awesome event!

Please see our calendar for location, dates, and times.

DNEM *Disability Network of Eastern Michigan*

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Calendar: [Click here](#)

As a Center for Independent Living (CIL), we are a community-based, cross-disability, non-profit organization designed and operated *by* people with disabilities *for* people with disabilities. At DNEM, we are dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities to live independent and fulfilling lives, pursue personal growth, and make their own choices, supported by access to community resources and services. DNEM provides FREE adaptive recreational sports, cooking, and art classes throughout the year for individuals with disabilities.

FAR

1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009

Phone: (248) 646-3347

Founded in 1951, FAR is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization providing creative arts and recreational therapies to 1,600 members of our community with disabilities. FAR uses the creative arts and recreational experiences as therapeutic tools to develop the potential of people with disabilities as individuals, as teammates, as family members, and as members of the larger community. FAR strives to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities, regardless of age, through the power of creative arts and recreational therapies.

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We make a lifetime commitment to changing lives and providing hope by consistently delivering FREE educational, therapeutic, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community, using a replicable playhouse model.

Guided Tour

7900 Old Oak Road, Suite 111-, B Elkins Park, PA 19027

Phone: (215) 782-1370

Email: director@guidedtour.com

The focus of The Guided Tour is to offer special needs vacations that provide a growth-producing experience, enabling our travelers to travel and socialize independently of their families. The Guided Tour staff makes sure our travelers not only have their independence but also assistance with money, medication, and, of course, a fantastic, memorable vacation!

Inclusively Fit

37980 Commerce Dr #1002, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Phone: (586) 850-5004

Introducing Inclusively Fit, a place and approach to fitness and exercise as unique as the individuals it was created to serve. An organization where everyone understands a person's physical well-being is strongly connected to their emotional well-being. And that physical accomplishment doesn't just build stronger muscles, but a stronger sense of self.

Living and Learning Enrichment Center

801 Griswold St, Northville, MI 48167

Phone: (248) 308-3592

Email: office@livingandlearningcenter.org

Our mission is to enhance the lives of our participants with disabilities through therapeutic, social, work-based, and community engagement. We strive to support, enrich, inspire, and embolden our participants and their families so they can achieve their goals. Programs offered include job skills, social skills, clinical services, special interest clubs/classes, art classes, support groups, and summer camps. Living & Learning is also home to Mod Market, an inclusive artist's market providing employment training to individuals with different abilities.

Miracle League

Southfield:

Southfield Civic Center

26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48076

Phone: (248) 224-6600

North Oakland:

Friendship Park

3380 Clarkston Road, Lake Orion, MI 48362

Miracle League programs serve individuals (4+) with various physical and intellectual disabilities who, with accommodations, can successfully participate with their families in adaptive social-recreation programs. We were the first ML Baseball Program in the State of Michigan and have evolved to offer bowling, hockey/skating skills, adaptive fitness, and social parties & family events with more to come. All these events offer inclusive social and recreational opportunities that foster strength, skills, and self-esteem.

Miss Amazing, Michigan Chapter

Email: tiffany.lafontaine@missamazing.org

Providing opportunities for girls and women with disabilities across Michigan to build self-esteem. We draw inspiration from pageantry to teach vital self-advocacy skills, spark connections, and open up pathways to leadership.

My Relationships Project

25600 Woodward Ave. Suite 108 Royal Oak, MI 48067

Phone: (248) 331-9334

Email: questions@myrelationshipsproject.com

MRP offers neurodivergent-affirming services in metro-Detroit, including unique services/opportunities, such as: "deep & meaningful hangs", relationship & sexual health education, executive functioning support & coaching, as well as therapy, advocacy & family support, and training & consultation.

The NEST for All

Phone: (248) 956-0756

Email: thenestforall@gmail.com

The NEST is a welcoming social community where adults of all abilities can hatch new friendships, have fun, and feel like they truly belong. We host regularly scheduled and pop-up inclusive social events specifically

designed for adults with disabilities. These events—such as game nights, chill sessions, karaoke, and dance parties—last 90 minutes to 2 hours and are held 2 to 4 times per month at local venues around Oakland County. Our events help adults with disabilities gain independence and enjoy social time with others. We create real-life settings where members build independence, develop social and communication skills, learn new hobbies, and make new friends. Events are safe and lightly supervised. Staff encourage and facilitate engagement; however, everyone can join in as much as they feel comfortable. Communication and social skill development are naturally embedded in activities and interactions, and members are supported by staff throughout the event.

OATS *Offering Alternative Therapy With Smiles*

4920 Groveland Rd. Ortonville, MI 48462

Phone: (248) 245-1020

Email: oatsevents@gmail.com

The mission of the OATS Equestrian Center is to offer “Alternative Therapy with Smiles”. OATS is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit located in Ortonville, Michigan, focused on promoting the health, well-being, and happiness of individuals through equine-assisted services. Benefits of therapeutic/adaptive riding include: improved balance, flexibility, muscle strength and tone; Development of communication, listening, and attention skills; encouraging social interaction; and building confidence and self-esteem.

OpenSpot Theatre

Phone: (313) 279-8401

Email: info@openspottheater.com

OpenSpot Theatre began in Metro Detroit in 2012 as 4th Wall Theatre Company. Co-Founders Katie Mann and Annie Klark created the company based on the idea that the performing arts should be accessible to ALL people. Their dream of Theatre for All spread quickly through the Southeast Michigan area, and then in 2020, they expanded the company, providing arts opportunities to students across the United States. OpenSpot Theatre’s mission is to provide a fun, creative, and inclusive arts experience that is accessible to all people. Through their rehearsal and performance process, students experience personal affirmation, empowerment, and build essential skills.

Our Neighborhood Academy

3096 12 Mile Rd. Berkley, MI 48072

Phone: (248) 556-5332

Email: ourneighborhoodacademy@gmail.com

Our Neighborhood Academy is a fully accredited nonprofit organization that assists young adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as they transition from a school setting to independent living. Our students learn real-world skills in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment tailored to their needs. From social programs, job training, microenterprises, and curriculum programs, ONA has something for everyone!

Rockin Country Music Round Up

5050 Dixie Hwy, Waterford

Phone: (248) 909-4115

Email: dewreese@gmail.com

Monthly themed dance for individuals 14 and up with special needs. A small entry fee applies for individuals, but caregivers are admitted free of charge. To learn more, join the Facebook group called “Rocking Country Music Round Up”.

Special Olympics

1150 Scott Lake Rd, Suite 3, A Waterford, MI 48328

Phone: 1-800-644-6404

Email: area15@somi.org

Special Olympics Michigan offers year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Athletes develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy while participating in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship among their families, Special Olympics athletes, and the community. The athletes achieve their dreams with the support of caring volunteers, coaches, family members, and staff. Donations from Michigan citizens and businesses fund the program.

Starz Equestrian Center

2444 Porter Rd. White Lake, MI 48383

Phone: (248) 202-9038

Email: starzequestriancenter@gmail.com

Starz Equestrian Center is Metro Detroit's Premier Therapeutic Riding Center, providing equine-assisted activities to individuals with special needs and bringing the therapeutic power of horses to meet the needs of the community regardless of ability. Therapeutic riding enhances the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of individuals with disabilities through lessons teaching horseback riding and general horsemanship skills.

Team GUTS

All Programs Held At: Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Ct, Clawson, MI 48017

Phone: (248) 701-3067

Email: info@teamgutsmichigan.com

Team GUTS™ is committed to improving the health, fitness, and overall well-being of those in our community with special needs and disabilities. Providing one-on-one training, fitness classes, strength training and sports camps, no family will ever be turned away. Rather, Team GUTS™ offers scholarships to families who are in need of financial assistance.

Troy Adaptive Recreation

3179 Livernois Rd, Troy, MI 48083

Phone: (248) 524-3484

Email: parksandrecreation@troymi.gov

Troy's Adaptive Recreation Program offers fun, inclusive activities for individuals with disabilities, whether they live in Troy or in a nearby community. Programs include Bingo, bowling, field trips, Friday Night Dances, Monday Mingles, and daytime Friendship Clubs. It's a great way to build friendships, stay active, and enjoy social events year-round. A link to the full program details is attached.

The ARC of Oakland County

1641 West Big Beaver Road Troy, MI 48084

Phone: (248) 816-1900

Email: info@thearcoakland.org

The Arc of Oakland County advocates for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). We strive to improve systems of supports and services; connect families; inspire our community and influence public policy. We are a non-profit, charitable organization funded through the kindness of our most generous individual donors. We proudly serve individuals and families throughout Oakland County as a local affiliated chapter of The Arc Michigan and The Arc of the United States. Services offered include: Legal Advocacy, Governmental & Financial Benefits, Special Education Advocacy, Community & Information Outreach Referrals, and "The Forever Plan".

Dani Plan

(248) 770-3915

Email: customercare@daniplan.com

The Dani Plan is a centralized hub for organizing and consolidating all information needed to care for an individual with special needs. It's a convenient, user-friendly tool and online file system that secures your loved one's information in one secure place. Data encryption technology and two-factor authentication ensure that information stays private. The Dani Plan is designed with your loved one's needs in mind. We made it easy to share and edit daily living information with family, caregivers, doctors, and other professionals as needed. It's a living and breathing document. Making your own personalized Dani Plan provides peace of mind and makes daily living easier, too.

MiABLE

For all general questions: (844) 656-7225 , Mon - Fri, 8am. to 5pm

For questions specific to the Fifth Third Bank Checking Option: 1 (888) 516-2375,

Mon – Fri, 7am to 8pm, Sat 8:30am to 5pm

Email: mi.clientservice@savewithable.com

The mission of MiABLE is to encourage and assist the saving of private funds to help persons with disabilities cover costs that support their health, independence, and quality of life. The MiABLE Disability Savings Program was created to allow individuals with disabilities and their families to save funds for Qualified Disability Expenses that support health, independence, and quality of life without jeopardizing eligibility for necessary federal benefits.

[MiABLE Presentation \(video\)](#)

MI-UCP

23077 Greenfield Rd.

Suite 205

Southfield, MI 48075

Phone: (248) 557-5070; (800) 827-4843

<https://www.mi-ucp.org/>

MI-UCP (Michigan United Cerebral Palsy) was founded on the belief that everyone has the right to live to the best of their abilities and go as far as their ambitions will take them. We have been an ally and an advocate for the 2.3 million Michiganders with disabilities since 1949.

As one of Michigan's largest sources of support, education, referrals, and services for people with disabilities and their families, MI-UCP provides assistive technology, financial assistance and tools, advocacy, and employment services to promote equity, independence and inclusion for all. Originally focused on individuals with Cerebral Palsy, currently more than 65 percent of the people MI-UCP serves have a disability other than CP.

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Autism Alliance of Michigan

26913 Northwestern Hwy. Ste 520 Southfield, MI 48033

Phone: (877) 463-AAOM

Email: info@aaomi.org

Autism Alliance of Michigan was founded with the vision that people with autism will lead lives that meet their greatest potential. We lead efforts to raise expectations and expand opportunities for people touched by autism across the lifespan. We do this through our three pillars: Navigation (a free resource identification service), Education (driving initiatives that address systemic barriers to education, focusing on student-centered advocacy, and educating families on related topics) & Employment (focused on resource navigation, education for job seekers along with employers, and systems advocacy as it applies to employment for individuals with a neurodiversity or other disability).

Detroit Disability Power

Email: Info@DetroitDisabilityPower.org

Detroit Disability Power's mission is to leverage and build the organizing and political power of the disability community to ensure the full inclusion of people with disabilities in Metro Detroit. We are a membership organization that works to build the political power of the disability community. We know that in order to end disparities people with disabilities face regarding housing, employment, education, transportation, healthcare, and more, we must organize! We host fun and educational community-building events both in person and virtually.

Disability Network of Eastern Michigan (DNEM)

1709 John R Rd, Troy, MI 48083

Phone: (586) 268-4160

DNEM is a Center for Independent Living (CIL) serving Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola counties. As a center for independent living, we are a community-based, cross-disability, non-profit organization that is designed and operated for people with disabilities, by people with disabilities. We are committed to promoting inclusion for all by breaking down barriers and opening paths towards independence and personal choice through resources, advocacy, information, support, and education. Available services include: Advocacy, Independent Living Skills Training, Information and Referral, Peer Support, and Transition Services.

Disability Rights Michigan

Phone: (517) 487-1755

TTY: (517) 374-4687

DRM advocates and lawyers advise individuals with disabilities of their rights and responsibilities and how to advocate for their human, civil, and legal rights within the state of Michigan. DRM has broad access authority to monitor institutions and advocate for people with disabilities who live in them.

Michigan Alliance for Families

Phone: (800) 552-4821

Email: info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org

Michigan Alliance for Families provides information, support, and education for families who have children and young adults (birth to 26 years of age) who receive (or may be eligible to receive) special education services. This website can help you with finding information on special education issues as well as disability specific information.

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

DD Council, Suite 218

235 S Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: (517) 335-3158

Email: mdhhs-dd-council@michigan.gov

The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council (MiDDC) is a group of 25 Michigan citizens appointed by the governor. They come from across the state and are people with disabilities; family members of people with disabilities; and professionals from state and local agencies who provide supports and services to people with developmental disabilities. The Council works to provide educational opportunities to people with developmental disabilities, their families, and professionals, and advocates for positive change to services, supports, and systems that are more responsive to the needs, wants, and desires of people with developmental disabilities. MiDDC's vision is that all people with disabilities are supported to live self-determined and self-directed lives in a diverse and inclusive community.

My Relationships Project

25600 Woodward Ave. Suite 108 Royal Oak, MI 48067

Phone: (248) 331-9334

Email: questions@myrelationshipsproject.com

MRP offers neurodivergent-affirming services in metro-Detroit, including unique services/opportunities, such as: "deep & meaningful hangs", relationship & sexual health education, executive functioning support & coaching, as well as therapy, advocacy & family support, and training & consultation.

United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan

23077 Greenfield Rd. Suite 205 Southfield, MI 48075

Phone: (248) 557-5070

Email: info@mi-ucp.org

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A&A Driving School

19582 Middlebelt, Livonia, Michigan 48152

Phone: (734) 422-3000

Email: info@aa-driving.com

We Advise & You Achieve. We believe in "Promoting Motor Safety and Mobility". We specialize in safe and defensive driver's education programs for teens and adults. We provide clinical & behind-the-wheel driving evaluations, adaptive equipment recommendations and in-vehicle training for clients with special challenges and disabilities.

Drive-Able

25900 Greenfield Rd., Suite 505, Oak Park, MI 48237

Phone: (248) 213-7244

Email: driveablellc@gmail.com

Drive-Able, LLC is an occupational therapy based driver rehabilitation program for individuals with a disability or medical conditions and older adults that provides: comprehensive clinical assessments, behind-the wheel driving assessments, vehicle modification consultation and prescription with letter of medical necessity when indicated, driver rehabilitation training, older driver evaluations, driver cessation counseling, and alternative transportation consultation.

Freedom Road Transportation

2633 S. Lapeer Rd., Suite H, Orion MI, 48360

Phone: (248) 232-1259

Email: info@freedomroadtransportation.org

Freedom Road Transportation is a nonprofit organization with 15 years of experience, dedicated to providing a unique transportation solution for adults 18 and older, including individuals with disabilities, seniors (60+), veterans, and those with an annual income of \$22,000 or less.

Our program offers no-cost mileage reimbursement for riders who have their own drivers. Each rider is eligible for a specific number of miles per month, reimbursed at a set rate per mile, which can be used for any type of travel. Riders have the flexibility to arrange their schedules with their drivers and submit a monthly mileage form for reimbursement. This service offers a simple, safe, and reliable alternative for those who have no access or are unable to use public transportation, helping to increase independence and mobility. We are proud to offer this support to residents in Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Monroe Counties each month.

Gresham Driving Aides

30800 Wixom Rd Wixom, Michigan, 48393

Phone: (800) 521-8930

In 1958, Gresham Driving Aides founder, Lee Gresham, suffered an accident which left him a paraplegic. The life-altering adjustments and seemingly insurmountable obstacles that he endured, determined him to develop a company to provide adaptive equipment & wheelchair accessible vans and vehicles. His dream was to instill assurance in the physically challenged that they could live a mobile and fulfilling life despite their physical disability. And he has- Gresham Driving Aides has been providing mobility solutions and new & used wheelchair vans for over 50 years!

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers (IVC) program

25650 Kelly Road, Roseville, MI 48066

Phone: (586) 757-5551

Email: mailbox@ivcinfo.org

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program provides hope and independence for older and disabled adults who need a little assistance to remain safely in their own homes. To arrange for help simply call our office. A staff person will talk with you to discuss your specific needs. Some services offered include: transportation, minor home repairs, respite, indoor & outdoor chores, friendly visits, etc (see the website for more info/details).

MyRide2

Phone: (855) 697-4332

Myride2 is a free “one-call, one-click” service that helps seniors and adults with disabilities find the transportation they need. Whether you’re looking for safe driving resources, public transit help, wheelchair-accessible options, or low-cost rides, mobility specialists work with you to plan and coordinate your trip from start to finish. There’s no fee to use myride2, though transportation providers may charge for the ride itself.

PEAC

110 N River Street Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198

Phone: (734) 484-2758

Email: info@bikeprogram.org

PEAC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Ypsilanti, Michigan that advocates for transportation equity for Michiganders with disabilities. Our travel training programs teach people how to ride bikes and public transit safely and independently. The Community Active Transportation Program is a travel training program for Michiganders ages 18 and over. Developed with SMART, the program teaches participants how to use forms of transportation like public transit and biking. We also teach wayfinding skills. The School Active Transportation Program is focused on learning to safely navigate communities by riding transit, biking, and walking. By teaching these skills, we seek to empower individuals with disabilities to enter the workforce, seek higher education, and strive for their personal goals. There are private, summer and visually impaired cycling programs available as well.

Ride NOTA

[675 S. Glaspie Street, Suite A Oxford, MI 48371](#)

Email lynn@ridenota.org

Phone: 248-693-7900

NOTA is a door to door transportation service serving residents of Oxford, Orion, Addison, Brandon, Independence and Springfield Townships and the Villages of Oxford, Orion, Clarkston and Leonard since 2001. NOTA operates 56 routes Monday to Friday. On the weekends NOTA operates up to 24 routes.

NOTA will transport all residents, with priority given to seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans and low income riders. Our dispatchers and drivers embody hearts of service, ensuring safe and reliable transportation that fosters independence, dignity and inclusivity within our community.

We operate seven days a week and have 61 vehicles and 60 are wheelchair equipped

SMART bus Reduced FARE ID Card

1301 E. Warren, Detroit, MI 48207

The Reduced Fare ID card for people with disabilities is accepted on SMART and DDOT Fixed Route buses. Detroit residents must apply through the mail to: DDOT Administration, 1301 E. Warren, Detroit, MI 48207

West Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA)

250 W Livingston Road Highland, MI 48357

Phone: (248) 887-4979

Email: info@RideWOTA.org

Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA) is a door-to-door, demand response public transportation service for resident seniors age 55+ and disabled adults age 18+ of our service area. Regardless of your mobility, WOTA can take you where you need to go as all of our vehicles are lift-equipped. Residents wishing to schedule a ride can call WOTA at (248) 887-4979. All riders MUST complete WOTA registration forms. Visit the Application To Ride page for information. ALL riders must be registered, including all companion riders.

The service area includes over 500 square miles with the following boundaries:

- NORTH - Northern Border of Highland & White Lake Townships, and Clarkston.
- EAST - Pontiac, down to Orchard Lake Rd between 12 & 16 Mile and Hiller Rd to Telegraph between Pontiac Lake and Williams Lake Roads.
- WEST - US 23 (Hartland) and Kensington Rd, and the west edge of Milford Township.
- SOUTH - Grand River Ave to 10 Mile & Haggerty

Worry Free Transportation

2520 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48328

Phone: (248) 481-8811

Email: info@wft1.com

Worry-Free Transportation offers safe, on-time, reliable service, and an unprecedented level of excellence serving the vocational, special educational, wheelchair accessible and other transportation industry. We specialize in non-ambulatory (wheelchair-accessible) transportation to accommodate all individuals who require wheelchair van service as well as individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We transport many individuals (ambulatory and non-ambulatory) on a daily basis who are associated with the Oakland Community Health Network. Our Transportation Specialists are highly trained and certified, but also very importantly, certified in Recipient Rights and Advanced Defensive Driving and Skills Refinement Training.



RIDE SHARING APPS:

- **Uber Accessibility**

Accessibility at Uber:

- [Uber WAV](#) (Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle)

Best for: Riders who use motorized wheelchairs or scooters and need a vehicle with a ramp or lift to get in and out.

- [Uber Assist](#)

Best for: Riders who need assistance getting in and out of a standard vehicle. This is suitable for those who use folding wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility aids.

- **Lyft Accessibility**

- [Riders who use wheelchairs](#)
- [Riders with service animals](#)
- [Riders who are blind or low-vision](#)

Bloomfield Hills SCAMP

School Year Location:

Bloomfield SCAMP Recreation Office
7273 Wing Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
Office Phone: (248)433-0885
Scamp voicemail: (248) 341- 6185
Fax: (248)341-6449
Email: eprice@bloomfield.org

Summer Location (mid June - July):

South Hills Middle School
4200 W. Quarton Rd
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
Scamp voicemail: (248) 341- 6185
Email: scampfun@bloomfield.org

SCAMP is a 4-week summer program that seeks to provide an exciting and therapeutic summer program for individuals with disabilities ages 3-26 in the Metro Detroit area. Bloomfield SCAMP was founded in 1967 and was the first summer camp in our area to provide a summer program for individuals with disabilities. Campers enjoy a variety of structured activities that focus on social skills improvement, language enrichment, and prevocational skills are focused on at SCAMP. They also enjoy art and music therapy and physical education. Participants in this program will swim at Walnut Lake, which is located behind Lone Pine Elementary School in West Bloomfield.

Camp Fish Tales

2177 E. Erickson Rd. Pinconning, MI 48650
Phone: (989) 879-5199
Email: director@campfishtales.org

Camp Fish Tales is a year-round independent non-profit camp, conference, and retreat center. This barrier-free camp, for people of all ages and all disabilities, is located 67 acres at the corner of Erickson and Old State Rd. between Linwood and Pinconning, just north of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Camp Grace Bentley

8250 Lakeshore Rd, Burtchville Township, MI 48059
(313) 962-8242

At Camp Grace Bentley, we believe that every adventure is an opportunity for personal growth. Our campers engage in a variety of exciting activities designed to foster independence, teamwork, and self-confidence. From nature hikes and arts and crafts to team sports and swimming, each experience is tailored to help campers discover their strengths and build lasting friendships.

Camp Skyline Special Needs Camp

5650 Sandhill Rd. Almont, MI 48003
Phone: (810)-798-8240
Email: office@campskyline.org

Camp Joy is a summer camp for teens and adults, ages 30+, with special needs. Camp Sassafras is a summer camp for teens and adults, ages 18-29, with special needs. At both camps, participants will spend time catching up with old friends and making new ones! Participants will enjoy making choices to join in swimming, sports, hiking, games, songs, fishing, boating, drumming, dancing, hayrides, cooking, campfires,

crafts, gardening, therapeutic horseback riding, yoga, and spending time with Skyline's farm animals. Campers with a skill to share can sign up to have their own class on the schedule for "Taking Turns Teaching." Also available: optional small group work experiences with our Kitchen and Garden Staff.

Camp Tall Tree

943 Lennox, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

(734) 249-8094

Provides a traditional summer camp experience for campers with Autism & 22q Deletion Syndrome in Main Camp (ages 7-17), young adults with special needs in Explorers Camp (ages 13-25), a unique program.

Camp Zip

111. South Wallace Blvd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone:(313) 405-7041

Email: info@campziprec.com

Camp Zip provides opportunities for young adults (16 and above) to continue focusing on daily living, communication skills, socialization, and job readiness skills. Camp Zip is designed to serve the needs of families and young adults, 16 years and older, with Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Asperger Syndrome, ADHD and other physical, emotional and developmental disabilities.

Clarkston SCAMP

Clarkston SCAMP Camp Office Phone: (248) 623-4314

Email: scampcamp@clarkston.k12.mi.us

Clarkston SCAMP is a unique five-week summer day program designed for children and adults with special needs, encompassing a wide range of emotional and physical diagnoses. Our program provides a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment where SCAMPers can enjoy enriching activities while building friendships and social skills.

Camp Sky Wild

Pinckney, MI

Sprinks, aka Erin Ross erin@campskywild.org 734-221-0834	Breezy, aka Kristin McMaster kristin@campskywild.org 734-436-1453	Ash Dunn ash@campskywild.org
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Camp Skywild is a sleepaway camp designed for autistic children and adults and their neurotypical siblings in Michigan. SkyWild campers shoot archery, go canoeing, swim in the lake, tie-dye t-shirts, sing by the campfire, and so much more! We understand that each camper needs unique support in order to access our program, so we run extensive staff training, operate flexible programming, and maintain low staff ratios. Our daily schedule is highly structured and predictable to ease camper anxiety around what's coming next, but remains adaptable in a "challenge by choice" nature so that campers can engage in the ways that feel best for them.

Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan Experience Camps

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is thrilled to reaffirm our unwavering dedication to providing transformative camp experiences for youth with epilepsy! With a steadfast commitment to fostering a safe,

inclusive, and enriching environment where every camper feels empowered and supported, we are excited to announce: **two amazing camp experiences in 2026!**

Kids Camp

Offered to campers ages 7-15, this is a unique camping experience developed especially for young people with epilepsy.

Sunday, June 28 - Friday July 3, 2026

North Star Reach, Pinckney, MI

Free

Family Camp

Crafted for families in Michigan with children aged 17 years or younger who are living with epilepsy, as well as their family members residing in the same household.

Friday, October 9 - Sunday, October 11, 2026

North Star Reach, Pinckney, MI

Free

[FAR Therapeutic Arts & Recreation](#)

1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009

(248) 646-3347

FAR Therapeutic Arts & Recreation offers 2 exciting summer camps for individuals ages 5 and up with special needs and their siblings!

[The Fowler Center Camps](#)

2315 Harmon Lake Road

Mayville, MI 48744

(989) 673-2050

fowlerventerinfo@mchsmi.org

The Fowler Center serves individuals who have a variety of disabilities, including cognitive and physical impairments, autism spectrum disorders, traumatic brain injuries, emotional impairment, and sensory & communication disorders. We maintain a 1:3 staff-to-camper ratio during all camp sessions. Any camper who will be successful in this ratio is encouraged to attend.

[Friendship Circle](#)

Farber Center

5586 Drake Rd. West Bloomfield, MI 48322

(248) 788-7878

Provides camps and programs for children with special needs. Friendship Circle ensures that there is at least one adult counselor for every 4 campers. In addition, they work to provide teen volunteers on a 2:1 basis.

Friendship Circle has a designated task force to ensure safety is the priority during all camp sessions. All staff are heavily trained in Friendship Circle's safety guidelines, which are followed meticulously during all camp programming.

[JCC Camps: Special Needs Enrichment Programs](#)

6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield Township, MI 48322

Phone: (248) 432-5469

Email camp@jccdet.org

By offering a range of programming options, support, and excellent services, our special-needs camp provides children and young adults with a space to learn, grow, and thrive. It offers families opportunities to connect with others facing similar challenges, share resources and experiences, and build lifelong friendships. All special

needs camps are tailored to accommodate each child's unique needs and interests – providing plenty of opportunities for socialization, self-exploration, and communication development.

Judson Center

4410 W 13 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, MI 48073

(248) 549-4339

<https://judsoncenter.org/>

Autism Connections' summer programs provide a behavior-based educational summer experience (ages 4 through adult) while including all the fun of a typical summer camp! Programs are uniquely designed to mirror the support and experience a child receives during the school year by providing the same supports. Judson Center works closely with individual school districts to address individualized educational program (IEP) goals and maintain school-year progress. They also offer a wide variety of additional supports, including behavioral, social, and communication supports, to enhance skills in those areas.

Lions Bear Camp

3409 N. Five Lakes Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

(810) 245-0726

Lions Bear Camp offers camp experiences for the visually impaired and those with Diabetes. Dedicated exclusively to camps that serve individuals with one or more of a wide range of special needs. In-person, online, and virtual camps.

Living and Learning Enrichment Center-Summer Camps

Get ready for an unforgettable summer at the Living and Learning Enrichment Center's Summer Camp, specifically designed for teens and young adults with disabilities. Our two camps, Willow and Lotus, offer tailored experiences that meet each camper's unique needs, ensuring they thrive in an environment that promotes personal growth, learning, and fun.

On My Own of Michigan

Day Camp, Overnight Camp, and Independence Prep Overnight Weekend

OUCARES

Email: OUCARES@oakland.edu

Offers a variety of summer day camps for individuals on the autism spectrum ages 3 years old through adulthood.

RARA SCAMP

500 E 2nd St, Rochester, MI 48307

(947) 886-0007

Summer camp for individuals ages 5-25 with special needs. SCAMP is a Special Needs summer camp for people ages 5-25 with disabilities. It is a 6-week camp that meets Monday through Friday in June and July. SCAMP is designed for individuals who will be successful in a 3:1 ratio. SCAMP is led by adults working in some aspect with people with disabilities in everyday life, and is fully staffed by either working professionals in such a field or by students going into a field of working with people with special needs. All staff members are over the age of 18.

Skyline Camp and Retreat

In 2026, we're combining our beloved Camp Joy (ages 30+) and Camp Sassafras (ages 18-29) into one powerful week of community, growth, and joy. This special week welcomes adults across the age spectrum with developmental and intellectual disabilities for five days and nights of authentic camp experiences.

St. Francis Camp on the Lake

10120 Murrey Road
Jerome, MI 49249
(517) 688-9212

director@saintfranciscamp.org

St. Francis Camp on the Lake is a 501 (c)3, non-profit organization committed to providing the ultimate camp experience to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. St. Francis Camp on the Lake is a premier camping facility for those with special needs. Our 36-acre site includes 195 feet of waterfront located on the shores of Goose Lake with sandy beach, rustic woods, developed nature trails, specially equipped playground, horizontal climbing wall, sports area, adventure course and two beautiful cedar lodges where campers and counselors are housed.

We provide week-long summer camp programs that are aimed at inspiring individual campers to be potent, loving, contributing human beings. Our specially designed programs truly empower the individual camper.

Tamarack Camps

In our summer camps for neurodivergent individuals and those with specialized needs (learning, social and/or communication differences), inclusivity is more than just a policy; it's a heartfelt commitment and a core value. Embracing the mantra "all are welcome and accommodated," we ensure campers with a variety of differences and abilities feel at home — experiencing the joy and camaraderie of camp life. Thanks to the newly established Buddy System by Gerrie and Buddy Sollish, along with the Jewish Federation of Detroit (JFD), we can further enhance our commitment to inclusion! Read more about the buddy system [here](#).

Team GUTS

Hudson Community Center
509 Fisher Ct. Clawson, MI 48017
(248) 701-3067

Team GUTS offers several camp opportunities for children, teens, and adults with special needs and disabilities. Camp themes all center on physical fitness, exercise, and sports activities. Activities are especially important for the special-needs community, given the unique challenges they face in staying fit. Experienced, caring staff work with campers to help them build self-confidence, create lasting friendships, and try a variety of fitness and sports options. The goal is to provide a safe and inclusive place where fitness is fun, and campers can be themselves.

Trail's Edge Summer Camp

1540 E. Hospital Dr. SPC 4208
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-4208

Must be ventilator-dependent for at least part of the day or night

Eligible children are between 5 and 18 years old

They must also be able to interact and communicate with other children using speech or sign language

Very Special Camps

Special needs summer camps in Michigan.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

[Autism Care Today](#)

Autism Care Today provides funding assistance to families throughout the United States on a quarterly basis. These grants are designed to provide access to individuals and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders. Since 2005, Autism Care Today has helped more than 1,562 families and provided more than \$1.85 million in grants.

[Autism Speaks-Grants](#)

The following is a list of autism grants from national organizations that offer support to families with autistic loved ones.

[Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation](#)

Requests for Scholarships are open in May. Registrations will only be accepted and responded to during those times. ASDF will need to know what type of scholarship you are applying for (camp, swimming, equestrian, etc.) and the cost. At that time, they will need documentation from your child's doctor stating that they are on the Autism Spectrum.

[Camp Fish Tales Scholarships](#)

The goal of Camp Fish Tales is to foster an atmosphere in which individuals with disabilities can meet and make new friends while participating in group growth activities. The scholarship application is to be completed by a parent or legal guardian and will be used by MAP to determine eligibility for assistance. The information provided in this application will remain confidential and will be reviewed only by a Board Member of MAP.

[CEC Scholarship](#)

Email: camperships@michigancec.org

Camperships of up-to-\$250 are available from the Michigan Council of Exceptional Children (MICEC) to eligible Michigan students with an active IEP.

[The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs \(Family Center\)](#)

Email: cshcsfc@michigan.gov

Phone: (800) 359-3722

Parents/caregivers of a child or youth with special health care needs are invited to apply for a camp scholarship (up to \$500) from the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center).

Using Your CMH Respite Funds for Camp

Did you know that you can often use your respite funds from Community Mental Health (CMH) to help pay for a day or overnight camp?

The camp must be set up as a vendor with your county's CMH:

- If your camp is already a vendor, let the camp know that you want to use CMH respite funds to pay for the camp. They will either send CMH an invoice directly or give you an invoice to submit to CMH so that payment can be issued directly to the camp.
- If your camp isn't set up as a vendor yet, provide CMH with information about the camp. CMH will then reach out to the camp to discuss the process, and if the camp decides to move forward, CMH will provide them with vendor paperwork to set them up for direct payment.

Community College:

It's possible to attend a Community College without a high school diploma; however, keep in mind the admission requirements are the same for all students, including application and placement testing. In addition, the lack of a diploma may affect eligibility for financial aid. Contact your local community college admissions office and disability support office for additional information.

Think College! : Consider age requirements for each program

"Think College!" provides resources, technical assistance, and training related to college options for students with intellectual disabilities, and manages the only national listing of college programs for students with intellectual disability in the United States. They are dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with intellectual disabilities.

How to Think College: Understanding the Differences between High School and College: [Click Here](#)

Click the image below to hear from a variety of high school educators, transition specialists, paraprofessionals, school administrators, and more on how they successfully prioritize college for their graduating high school students with intellectual disabilities:



To Search for college programs by state, click here: <https://thinkcollege.net/college-search>

Planning for What's Next:

A Resource Guide for Students After Public School



This document was developed by Transition Coordinators who work in the local public school districts of Oakland County. The resources and agencies listed below are some of the commonly accessed supports available for students and families, which may begin while the individual is still in public schools.

Note: *Students are encouraged to participate in all transition-related meetings.*

🎓 Diploma: Supports & Resources 🎓

This resource is designed to help students who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and their families learn about and prepare for the transition from high school to post-high school programs



PLEASE NOTE: *This document was developed to inform individuals, families, and guardians about some of the resources available to students after they receive their high school diploma. This document does not endorse any of these programs, resources or facilities. Students & families are encouraged to research their options to determine best fit.*



To view a tab, click its title on the left to access its resources.

Resources For Students With Disabilities Earning A Diploma and Considering College

- [Is College for You?](#)

"Is College for You? Setting Goals and Taking Action" is for families of high school students who are considering college as a future option. The book contains basic information, tools, and resources to help students make informed decisions about whether college is right for them. The book also provides specific information to assist students with disabilities in planning for and making decisions about going to college.

- [Going to College!](#)

This interactive website contains information about living college life with a disability. It's designed for high school students and provides video clips, activities, and additional resources that can help you get a head start in planning for college.

- [Colleges That Change Lives](#)

"Colleges That Change Lives" is dedicated to the advancement and support of a student-centered college search process. They support the goal of every student finding a college that develops a lifelong love of learning and provides the foundation for a successful and fulfilling life beyond college.

- [Scholarships for Students with Disabilities](#)

This guide features a list of scholarships for students with disabilities. The scholarships represent only a small sampling of financial aid programs available to students with disabilities such as autism and blindness. The guide also highlights resources, such as federal agencies and advocacy organizations, that students with disabilities may find useful in their search for financial assistance.

- [Navigating College: A Handbook on Self-Advocacy Written for Autistic Students from Autistic Adults](#)

The authors of this book are adults & youth on the autism spectrum writing primarily for current and future Autistic college students. We wrote this handbook because we believe that being Autistic shouldn't close any doors for you when deciding to pursue higher education. Whether you're at a school with an autism support program or one that offers only a very basic disability services office, this handbook should be a valuable resource in trying to figure out how to make college a positive experience for you.

- [OAR's Finding Your Way: A College Guide for Students on the Spectrum](#)

This Guide is intended to help students with ASD become better prepared for college life and academics. This guide addresses challenges that are both universal and unique to students on the college autism spectrum by providing information, guidance, and resources that address them. You can download a copy [here](#)!

- [Think College!](#)

"Think College!" provides resources, technical assistance, and training related to college options for students with intellectual disabilities, and manages the only national listing of college programs for students with intellectual disability in the United States. They are dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with intellectual disabilities.

Differences between High School and College: [Click Here](#)

Post-Secondary Education Opportunities: [Click Here](#)

Supported College Programming

College	On-campus housing option	Non-Degree	Degree	In-state
Calvin University <i>*Specialty Program for students with an intellectual disability*</i>	☐	☒	☐	☒
Clemson University-Clemson Life (South Carolina) <i>*Specialty Program for students with an intellectual disability</i>	☒	☒	☐	☐
Curry College-MA	☒	☐	☒	☐
East Carolina University-STEPP	☒	☐	☒	☐
Eastern Michigan: College Supports Program <i>*Specialty Program for ASD*</i>	☒	☐	☒	☒
Florida Gulf Coast University - RISE Program	☒	☒	☐	☐
Landmark College	☒	☐	☒	☐
Lynn University	☒	☐	☒	☐
Marshall University HELP program-W. Virginia <i>*Specialty Program for ASD*</i>	☒	☐	☒	☐
Michigan State University: BOND program <i>*Specialty Program for ASD*</i>	☐	☐	☒	☒
Muskingum University-OH	☒	☒	☐	☐
Oakland Community College: Degree & Certificate Programs (national certifications for trades)	☐	☒	☐	☒
Oliver Wilson Scholars - Grand Valley State University	☒	☐	☒	☒
Ready for Life Ferris State University <i>*Specialty Program for students with an intellectual disability*</i>	☒	☒	☐	☒
Ready for Life- Hope College <i>*Specialty Program for students with an intellectual disability*</i>	☐	☒	☐	☒
Ready for Life- Northwestern Michigan <i>*Specialty Program for students with an intellectual disability*</i>	☐	☒	☐	☒
Saginaw Valley State - Think Cardinal?? https://thinkcollege.net/programs/think-cardinal	☐	☒	☐	☒
University of Cincinnati TAP program <i>*Specialty Program for students with an intellectual disability*</i>	☒	☒	☐	☐
University of Iowa-REACH <i>*Specialty Program for students with an intellectual disability*</i>	☒	☒	☐	☐
University of Memphis: TigerLIFE	☒	☒	☐	☐
Western Michigan University: Autism Services Center <i>*Specialty Program for ASD*</i>	☒	☐	☒	☒

Accommodations & College Supports:

Overview:

In general, every college/university has an office dedicated to ensuring that all qualified individuals with disabilities have the opportunity to take part in educational programs and services on an equal basis. The aim is to provide these opportunities in an integrated setting that fosters independence and meets the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These offices may have different names, such as “Student Disability Services”, or “Disability Resource Center”, but their mission is the same. To find more information, go to the school’s website and in their search bar type in “disability” and/or “accommodations”.

Disclosure:

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Accommodations in College:

 Comparison of the IDEA, Section 504, ADA (1) Updated 07-07-21 (1).pdf

 Difference between high school and college (1).pdf

 Highschool_vs_College (4).pdf

 HTTC_04_Getting_Accommodations_to_Succeed.pdf

 IDEA vs ADA-OCC (4).pdf

Disability Support Services Contacts: [Click Here](#)

Differences Between High School and College Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Applicable Laws

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)	A.D.A. (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990)
Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973	Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973
I.D.E.A. is about high school completion.	A.D.A. is about access.

Required Documentation

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
I.E.P. (Individualized Education Plan) and/or 504 Plan	High school I.E.P. and 504 may not be sufficient. Documentation guidelines specify information needed for each category of disability.
School provides evaluation at no cost to student.	The college does not provide an evaluation. Student is responsible for obtaining an evaluation from resources outside of the college.
Documentation focuses on determining whether student is eligible for services based on specific disability categories in I.D.E.A.	Documentation must provide information on specific functional limitations, and demonstrate the need for specific accommodations.

Self-Advocacy

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
Student is identified by the school and is supported by parents and teachers	Student must self-identify to an ACCESS Office
Primary responsibility for arranging accommodations belongs to the school	Primary responsibility for self-advocacy and arranging accommodations belongs to the student
Teachers approach you if they believe you need assistance	Instructors are usually open and helpful, but most expect you to initiate contact if you need assistance

Parental Role

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
Parent has access to student records and can participate in the accommodation process	Parent does not have access to student records without student's written consent
Parent advocates for student	Student advocates for self

Paying for College

FAFSA: Students With Intellectual Disabilities

FAFSA stands for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. Students use this form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school.

Students with disabilities may receive funding from the [Federal Pell Grant](#), [Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant](#), and [Federal Work-Study](#) programs if...

- they have a cognitive impairment characterized by significant limitations in intellectual and cognitive functioning and adaptive behavior as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills; and
- They are currently, or were formerly, eligible for special education and related services under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA), including if they were determined eligible for special education or related services under the IDEA but were homeschooled or attended private school.

The Three Requirements for Eligibility:

1. **CTP Program Participants**

The student must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a [comprehensive transition and postsecondary \(CTP\) program](#) for students with intellectual disabilities at a college or career/trade school that participates in the federal student aid programs.

2. **Academic Success**

The student must maintain satisfactory academic progress.

3. **The Basics**

Lastly, the student must [meet the basic federal student aid eligibility requirements](#), except that they are not required to have a high school diploma or GED and are not required to be pursuing a degree or certificate.

Community College Guarantee

Beginning Fall 2024, students from the **Class of 2023 and beyond** may be eligible for the Community College Guarantee, which includes:

- In-district tuition, contact hours, and mandatory fees.
- An additional \$1,000 Michigan Achievement Bonus award for Pell-eligible students, which can be used toward additional college costs.

Eligibility Criteria

All recent Michigan high school graduates are eligible!

Here's how to claim your award and enroll at a Community College or Tribal College:

- **Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).**
- **Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year**
 - If you're a dependent student, your parent(s) must also be Michigan residents as of July 1st of the previous calendar year.
 - We'll confirm this based on your FAFSA.
- **Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee**
- **Graduated from a Michigan high school**
 - You're eligible if you earn a diploma or certificate of completion.
 - You're also eligible if you earned a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after.
- **Enroll in college.** You must be:
 - Enrolled full-time. Your college will confirm how many credits are needed to be full-time.
 - Be an undergraduate student.

- Enrolled within 15 months of your high school graduation.
 - Class of 2025 spring graduates: Must enroll by the Fall semester 2026.
 - If you graduated at a different time of year and are concerned about initiating in time, contact your school's financial aid office.

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

This guide features a list of scholarships for students with disabilities. The scholarships represent only a small sampling of financial aid programs available to students with disabilities such as autism and blindness. The guide also highlights resources, such as federal agencies and advocacy organizations, that students with disabilities may find useful in their search for financial assistance.

Additional Resources:

Michigan Scholarships:

- [Michigan CEC Awards](#)
- [The Michigan Elks Gold Key Grant](#)
- [CapCan Scholarships](#)

Students with Intellectual Disabilities attending post-secondary programs:

- [Scholarships for Students with Intellectual Disabilities](#)
- [Use of Medicaid Waivers to Support Students with Intellectual Disability in College](#)

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)

Students Going to Work:

Some youth may choose to begin working right after high school. If individuals have a physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability that interferes with their ability to work, they may be eligible for services from **Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)** or the **Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP)**. If eligible, the youth may receive vocational counseling, evaluation, job placement, and/or job coaching to help them become competitively employed. The youth and the vocational counselor will together create an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) with the goal of competitive, integrated employment in a field that fits the youth's strengths, interests, and needs. The Client Assistance Program (CAP) is available at no cost to anyone who has difficulty accessing vocational rehabilitation services. CAP is a program with the organization Disability Rights Michigan. Youth who have questions about services from a vocational rehabilitation or independent living program may call the CAP Advocates at 517-487-1755

Source: [Guide to Transition from Special Education into Adulthood](#)

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS):

MRS Handbook of Services: [Click Here](#)

- **Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)** is a statewide network of vocational rehabilitation professionals that provides individualized support to people with disabilities, including college students. For those who are eligible, MRS offers services tailored to each person's strengths, needs, interests, and goals, helping them prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment while working toward greater independence and economic self-sufficiency.

MRS can support young adults by helping them:

- Explore interests, strengths, and employment skills
- Learn about careers, including in-demand and emerging jobs
- Set and plan for an employment goal based on their abilities and the local job market
- Identify and access accommodations, assistive technology, and strategies to reduce barriers
- Understand their rights under the ADA and how to request accommodations at school or work
- Connect with community resources and coordinate services
- Apply for, obtain, and maintain employment, with follow-up support to ensure a good fit
- Understand benefits, including Social Security work incentives, and how employment may impact those benefits

For young adults receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), MRS also provides coordinated benefits planning and guidance to support informed employment decisions.

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP)

- BSBP is Michigan's vocational rehabilitation program specifically for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. It provides specialized supports such as assistive technology, orientation and mobility training, career exploration, job readiness, and employment support tailored to vision loss. Like MRS, it also assists with transition planning and long-term employment success.

Michigan Career & Technical Institute: [Click Here](#)

Address: 11611 W Pine Lake Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080

Phone: (269) 664-4461

- MCTI is a residential vocational training school for adults with disabilities. Students live on campus while completing hands-on training in a specific trade such as welding, culinary arts, business, or technology. Most students attend after being referred through MRS or BSBP. MCTI focuses on building job skills, earning a vocational certificate, and transitioning directly into employment.

Michigan Works!

Website: [Click Here](#)

Michigan Works! is a free community resource that helps students, young adults, and job seekers plan for their future and connect to employment and training opportunities.

For families, Michigan Works! can support your student by helping them explore career interests, build job readiness skills, and connect with local employers. Services may include help with resumes, interview practice, job searching, and accessing internships, apprenticeships, or short-term training programs that lead to industry-recognized certifications.

They also work with students who are still in high school, those working toward a diploma or certificate, and graduates who are ready for their next step. The goal is to help each person build skills and move successfully into employment or continued education.

Key aspects of MIWorks! include:

- **For Job Seekers:** Offers free one-on-one coaching, career exploration, resume writing, interview prep, and access to computers/internet for job searches.
- **For Employers:** Helps businesses find workers, provides training grants like the Going PRO Talent Fund, and assists with apprenticeship programs.
- **Support Services:** Provides resources, including childcare and transportation assistance, for eligible individuals.
- **Specialized Programs:** Runs programs like [Michigan Reconnect](#) (tuition-free community college for adults over 25) and assistance for workers impacted by layoffs.
- **Structure:** Operates through a network of local agencies and service centers across the state, making it a "one-stop" system for workforce needs.

Oakland County Office Locations

[Workforce Development](#)

Novi: 31186 Beck Road, Novi, MI 48377 (248) 926 - 1820

Oak Park: 22180 Parklawn, Room 111, Oak Park, MI 48237 | (248) 691-8437

Pontiac: 1850 North Perry, Pontiac, MI 48340 | (248) 276-1777

Southfield: 21415 Civic Center Drive, Suite 116, Southfield, MI 48076 | (248) 796-4580

Troy: 550 Stephenson Highway, Suite 400, Troy, MI 48083 | (248) 823-5101

Waterford: 7500 Highland Road, Waterford, MI 48327 | (248) 617-3600 [\[1\]](#)

Considering Skill Trades?

Apprenticeship vs Trades:

Apprenticeships: You work as a paid employee from day one, receiving on-the-job training paired with classroom learning, usually over 3 to 5 years.

Trade Programs: You pay tuition to attend a technical school or community college full-time, earning a certificate or degree in 6 months to 2 years before finding a job.

MCTI

MCTI is a residential vocational training facility for persons with disabilities. Our main campus on the shores of Pine Lake in Barry County provides students with a beautiful and peaceful setting for living and learning. The fully accessible campus offers a unique blend of support services and state-of-the-art training for jobs needed in business and industry today. The starting point for most students is participation in Career Assessment. Depending on the results of Career Assessment, students may be recommended to enroll in one of the 11 vocational programs.

Take a Deeper Dive:

Michigan Skilled Trades

Skilled Trades are careers that often require less schooling and debt than a four-year degree. These jobs are in demand for fields like healthcare, information technology, advanced manufacturing, construction and automotive. Once seen exclusively as a world of manual labor, today's Skilled Trades jobs offer a wide array of opportunities for high school and community college students.

MIApprenticeship

Apprenticeship is a combination of working and learning that mutually benefits both employers and apprentices. The MI Apprenticeship program provides all of its services at no cost, as a State of Michigan program that works to make the process of registered apprenticeship easier.

Oakland County Registered Apprenticeship Guide

Apprenticeships combine paid on-the-job training with classroom instruction to prepare workers for highly-skilled careers. Workers benefit from apprenticeships by receiving a skills-based education that prepares them for good-paying jobs.