

Agency Resource Summary

A summary of agency services that may provide assistance in the transition of students with disabilities from high school to community

**Compiled by the Kentucky Interagency Transition Council for Persons with
Disabilities**

<http://www.louisville.edu/edu/edsp/itc/>

CABINET FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
Department for Community-Based Services

Mission

To provide statewide leadership in protecting and promoting the well-being of Kentuckians by delivering quality human services.

Individuals Served

All citizens of Kentucky

Range of Services Provided

- Abuse and Neglect investigations
- Adoption and Foster Care
- Help Finding and Keeping a Job
- Child Care
- Child Support
- Health Care
- Cash Assistance and Food Stamps
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling
- Domestic Violence Help

Referral Process and Eligibility Criteria: This information can be obtained by contacting local county offices.

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Green River: James Taylor	270-687-7047
Barren River: Theresa Nelson	270-651-5119
Lincoln Trail: Mary Ann Taylor	270-766-5029
Jefferson/KIPDA: Sandra Wilson	502-595-4732
Northern Ky.: Thomas Jacob	606-292-6660
Gateway/Buffalo: Sandy Adkins	606-784-6687
Fivco: Larry Miller	606-920-2007
Big Sandy: Susan Howard	606-789-6251
Ky. River: William Smith	606-633-0922
Cumberland Valley: Nancy Propps	606-864-6811
Lake Cumberland: Sandra Rollins	606-677-4178
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COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

What is the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)?

The Council on Postsecondary Education is a coordinating agency for all public universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). In this role, the Council is an advocate for public postsecondary education in Kentucky. The Council provides leadership, promotes excellence in programs, makes a system-wide budget recommendation, and monitors performance of institutions and programs.

The Council is the licensing agency for in-state and out-of state independent colleges and universities and for bachelor's degree proprietary colleges. The role is to protect students and the public by ensuring the financial stability of the institutions and the truthfulness of their advertisements and recruiting.

The Council is the home of the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University (KCVU) and the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library (KCVL). In cooperation with the public and independent colleges and universities, KCVU provides a comprehensive list of courses and programs that are available on-line for the convenience of students. An "any time, anywhere" philosophy allows students to take courses without spending time traveling to the campuses in the state. In cooperation with postsecondary institutions, local schools, libraries, and other agencies, KCVL opens the libraries of the world to individuals in their local communities and in their homes.

The Vision

Postsecondary education is the key to prosperity – for our citizens, our businesses and industries, our communities, and our children. The Council asks you to envision a Kentucky in the year 2020 recognized throughout the nation and across the world for having:

- Educated citizens who want advanced knowledge and skills and know how to acquire them; and who are good parents, good citizens, and economically self-sufficient workers.
- Globally competitive businesses and industries respected for their highly knowledgeable employees and the technological sophistication of their products and services.
- Vibrant communities offering a standard of living unsurpassed by those in other states and nations.
- Scholars and practitioners who are among the best in the world, dedicated to creating new ideas, technologies, and knowledge.
- An integrated system of elementary and secondary schools and providers of postsecondary education, committed to meeting the needs of students and Commonwealth, and acclaimed for excellence, innovation, collaboration, and responsiveness.

Range of Services Provided

Except for the operation of KCVU and KCVL, the Council does not provide direct services to individuals. This agency supports and promotes the operation of eight public universities, KCTCS, thirty independent Kentucky colleges and universities, and one proprietary college as they provide postsecondary services to their students, the communities, and the employers in the state.

Institutions: Names, Locations, and Access

The institutions in the system, their locations, and access to them can be found through the Web page maintained by the CPE. Sign on at www.cpe.state.ky.us

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mission

The mission of the Kentucky Department of Education, as the national catalyst for educational transformation, is to ensure for each child and internationally superior education and love of learning through visionary leadership, vigorous stewardship and exemplary services in alliance with schools, school districts, and other partners.

Individuals Served

Under state and federal requirements, students ages 5-21 determined to have educational disabilities and in need of specially designed instruction are to have an Individual Education Program (IEP) which spells out their special education services.

Range of Services Provided

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that each school district have a process in place for the referral, evaluation and identification of each student suspected of having an educational disability. The IEP describes the nature of special education services and is to also include a statement of the transition service needs beginning no later than age 14 that focuses on the students course of study, and beginning at age 16 an added emphasis on the interagency responsibilities or any needed linkages to help the student have a successful transition from school to adult life. The group that develops the transition statement needs to consist of the students, their parent or guardian, school personnel and staff from other agencies as appropriate, and meetings need to occur at least annually. Self-advocacy instruction needs to be provided to students that helps them be an active member of their transition planning team. According to IDEA, transition services means "a coordinated set of activities for a student, designed within an outcome-oriented process, which promotes movement from school to post-school activities, including post-secondary education, vocational training, integrated employment (including supported employment) , continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living or community participation". The coordinated set of activities shall be based upon the individual student's needs, taking into account the student's preferences and interests, and shall include instruction, community experiences, the development of employment and other post-school adult living objectives, and when appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation.

State Level Services: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) promotes state level interagency coordination and interagency collaboration of transition services. The KDE provides support for transition training and technical assistance to local school districts, regional cooperatives and parents. Transition materials are available for use with teachers or parents, as well a information on transition support services such as job coach services (Community-Based Work Transition Program) or vocational

liaison services (Technical Liaison Coordination).

Further information can be located on the KDE web page at www.kde.state.ky.us by looking at the transition service information in the Academic Village known as Diversity Heights.

Contacts:

Contact the Division of Exceptional Children Services at (502) 564-4970 for further assistance, or contact one of the Regional Exceptional Child Consultants as listed below:

Region 1- Murray State University- Vacant -- (270) 762-3217

Region 2- Pete Hoechner- Western Ky. University- (270) 746-7063

Region 3- Nancy Sander- Van Hoose Education Center- (502) 485-3968

Region 4- Margaret Reed- N. Kentucky University- (606) 572-6936

Region 5- Lori James- University of Kentucky- (606) 257-4907

Region 6- Kathy Dykes- Corbin Ky. Region 6 Service Center- (606) 528-9237

Region 7- David Hamblin- Morehead State University- (606) 783-5372

Region 8- Bill Jack Wallace - Prestonsburg, Ky.- Region 8 Service Center (606)886-0205

CABINET FOR HEALTH SERVICES
Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services

Mission

Our goal is that persons with mental illness, mental retardation or substance abuse, empowered by their personal and individual choices and capacities will be able to live a life of dignity and hope in the community. Each person will have available options for housing, income, productive work, medical and social services, transportation, education and personal support equivalent to that of all citizens in the Commonwealth and adequate to meet individual wants and needs. The focus of all actions will be to protect and balance the rights, and concerns of consumers, family members and the larger community and to provide an environment that maximizes community integration and opportunities for acceptance.

Individuals Served

Persons with mental illness, mental retardation/developmental disabilities, acquired brain injury, substance abuse problems, and victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse, domestic violence and rape.

Range of Services Provided:
Mental Health Services

For Adults

Consumer and Family Support
Crisis Services
Mental Health Treatment
Case management Services
Housing Options
Rehabilitation Services
Psychiatry

For Children

School-based services
After school and summer programming
Psychiatry
Crisis stabilization services

For Victims of Domestic Violence, Rape, Sexual Assault, and Sexual Abuse

Crisis Care
Counseling and Clinical Services (also available for perpetrators)
Support Services
Advocacy Services

State Agency Contacts

Director
Division of Mental Retardation
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Director
Division of Mental Health
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Division of Substance Abuse
100 Fair oaks Lane, 4E-D
Frankfort, Ky. 40621
502-564-2880

Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation Boards, Inc.

Region 1	Western Kentucky	(270) 442-7121
Region 2	Pennyroyal	(270) 886-5163
Region 3	River Valley	(270) 689-6500
Region 4	LifeSkills	(270) 843-4382
Region 5	Communicare	(502) 765-2605
Region 6	Seven Counties	(502) 589-8600
Region 7	North Key Community Care	(606) 331-6505
Region 8	Comprehend	(606) 564-4016
Region 9/10	Pathways	(606) 329-8588
Region 11	Mountain	(606) 886-8572
Region 12	Kentucky River	(606) 666-9006
Region 13	Cumberland River	(606) 528-7010
Region 14	Adanta	(606) 679-4782
Region 15	Bluegrass	(606) 253-1686

JUSTICE CABINET
Department of Juvenile Justice

Mission

The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is to promote a comprehensive array of cost-effective services for at-risk youth directed toward preventing delinquency, providing efficient rehabilitation services, and altering the rate of recidivism with appropriate aftercare, while minimizing risk to the community. In providing services, the department supports and believes in the complete involvement of both the family and the community in the rehabilitative process.

In order to effectively carry out this mission, the department provides services designed to meet the individual needs of each youth; maintains and develops facilitates and programs conducive to positive social growth; develops, recruits, trains, and maintains a high quality professional staff fully committed to our mission; provides appropriate care and custody to each youngster; and promotes the attitude of each juvenile, regardless of their offense, is worthy of our very best efforts.

Individuals Served

DJJ serves both pre and post-adjudicated youth in four basic units of direct service delivery; day treatment centers, group homes, residential care facilities, and community supervision programs with a mean age of from 12 through 17 years who live in Kentucky.

Range of Services Provide d

Direct care; mental health services; education services in 3 critical areas: curriculum, vocational, and transition services; prevention services; quality assurance services; intensive supervision services; assessment services; community work programs, and therapeutic foster care services; and training both of a preservice and inservice nature.

Partners: DJJ partners with Local Education Agencies, Private child care agencies, the Kentucky Department of Education, the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Workforce Cabinet, and the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children.

Contact

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CABINET
Kentucky Department for the Blind

Mission

To Provide opportunities to individuals with visual disabilities to enable them to become more independent and productive in the community and work place. The Department for the Blind is a combination state/federal agency with legal basis in the Rehabilitation Act of 1992 as amended, and Kentucky Revised States 163.450-470.

Individuals Served

Persons with blindness and/or low vision who live in Kentucky

Range of Services Provided

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| -Diagnostic and Evaluation Services | -Counseling and Guidance |
| -Medical surgery and therapy | -Vocational Training |
| -Community-Based Work Experience | -Maintenance |
| -Transportation | -Reader services and cassette recording services |
| -Supported Employment | -Low Vision devices |
| -Orientation and Mobility services | -Occupational licenses, tools and equipment |
| -Assistive Technology | -Transition Services |
| -Job Placement | |
| -Post-Employment services | |

Referral Process

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors located in ten offices through the Commonwealth provide individualized services, eligibility determination, and the coordination of rehabilitation services.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility is determined on the following: (1) the presence of a visual disability (2) the disability must substantially impede the individual in terms of gaining or maintaining employment, and (3) there must be a reasonable expectation that any services provided will benefit the individual in terms of employability.

Agency Contacts (Field Offices)

Ashland- (606) 920-2000 (800) 334-6881
Bowling Green- (502) 746-7479 (800) 222-1215
Elizabethtown- (502) 766-5126 (800) 760-6891
Florence- (606) 371-3380 (800) 334-6895
Lexington- (606) 246-2111 (800) 291-8424
Louisville- (502) 327-6010 (800) 326-2115
Owensboro- (502) 687-7306 (800) 334-6020
Paducah- (502) 575-7315 (800) 334-6945
Prestonsburg- (606) 886-2730 (800) 334-6940
Somerset- (606) 677-4042 (800) 895-3863

CABINET FOR HEALTH SERVICES
Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services
Division of Mental Retardation

Mission

The Division of Mental Retardation will take the lead, in partnership with other key stakeholders, to build the capacity of communities and systems to provide individually-determined supports for individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and their families that increase their opportunities for choice and inclusion as valued citizens of Kentucky's communities.

Individuals Served

Generally individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. Some programs have specific requirements e.g. the Medicaid Waiver is for persons needing intermediate medical level of care supports, and, by contrast, the Supported Living program uses the broad definition of disability in the Americans with Disabilities Act which applies when as few as one area of functional limitation is involved.

Range of Services Provided

Mix of State General Fund and Federally Funded supports and services. FIRST STEPS is a comprehensive, statewide system of community-based, family centered services for infants and toddlers (age birth-3 years) with developmental delays and their families. Services include Service Coordination, Evaluation, Assessment, Developmental Intervention, Family Services, Health Services (Nursing, Medical Diagnosis and Consultation), Nutrition, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Communication Development. Sensory Development (Vision and Audiology), Respite, Assistive Technology, and Transportation.

STATE GENERAL FUND (SGF) opportunities include Supported Living, a highly flexible and individualized program designed to provide people with disabilities the customized supports needed to live in a community home of choice. Other specifically funded areas are Special Services and Equipment Program, Support Coordination, Respite, Crisis Prevention, Individualized Supports, Supported Employment, Work/Adult Habilitation, and limited residential services in Individual and Group Homes. The Division also coordinates mental retardation, specialized services under Nursing Home Reform and the PASaRR, Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review, process.

FEDERALLY MATCHED FUNDS provide services under the Supports for Community Living (SCL) Medicaid Waiver, offering a broad array of supports as a community based alternative intermediate level of care program. Supports can include Support Coordination, Community Habilitation, Supported Employment, Residential Supports, Community Living Supports, Behavior Support, Psychological Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Respite, Wellness Monitoring, Personal Emergency Response System, and Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies.

Referral Process

Any referral source is welcome.

FIRST STEPS has 15 Points of Entry within the Area Development Districts; a statewide toll-free number 1-800-442-0087 can give up-to-date P.O.E. contact information.

Many programs are implemented through the 14 Regional Mental Health/Mental Retardation Centers (Supported Living, any SGF program, and applications for the State Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Mental Retardation and Related Conditions: Oakwood, Hazelwood, Outwood and Central State ICF's/MR). In addition, the SCL Waiver programs can be directly contacted to begin the application process for Medicaid Waiver Supports.

State Agency Contact:

Division of Mental Retardation

100 Fair Oaks Lane 4E- E

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CABINET

Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

Mission

To assist all Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve suitable employment and independence.

Individuals Served

The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation provides vocational rehabilitation services to eligible individuals with disabilities to assist entry into employment and productivity in the workplace and community.

How to Apply

Any person may apply for Vocational Rehabilitation by contacting a DVR counselor. An agency directory may be found on the DVR website: <http://kydvr.state.ky.us/>

Eligibility

- You must have a physical or mental impairment.
- Your impairment must result in a substantial impediment to employment.
- If you meet the two criteria above, you will be determined eligible unless there is clear and convincing evidence that you cannot benefit from or do not require vocational rehabilitation services.
- If you receive Social Security disability benefits you are considered to be an individual with a significant disability and are presumed to be eligible for services.

An eligibility decision will be made within 60 days unless you and the counselor agree to a delay for a specific time period.

Range of Services

The Department may provide vocational rehabilitation services needed to reach your vocational goal and enter employment. Some examples are as follows:

- Assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs
- Counseling and guidance
- Physical and mental restoration services
- Vocational and other training services
- Supported employment
- Transportation and other services necessary to participate fully in your rehabilitation program
- Personal assistance services
- Interpreter and note taking services
- Telecommunications, sensory, and other technological aids and devices
- Rehabilitation technology*
- Job Placement and Job Retention Services

- Employment follow-up and post-employment services

State Agency Contact

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Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Mission

The mission of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System is to improve the quality of life and employability of the citizens of the Commonwealth by serving as the primary provider of the following postsecondary education programs, training and services:

- Certificate, diploma, technical degree, associate degree, and transfer programs
- Workforce training to meet the needs of existing and new businesses and industries
- Remedial and continuing education
- Short-term, customized training for business and industry
- Adult education
- Associated services

Individuals Served

Postsecondary Students

Range of Services Provided

Accommodation needs shall be provided with reasonable and appropriate accommodations.

Referral Process

Students with visible or obvious disabilities and students who disclose their disability and provide the documentation

Eligibility Criteria

Meet college entrance requirements.

State Agency Contact

For assistance in identifying local provider or providing additional information:

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Kentucky School for the Blind

The Kentucky School for the Blind is the statewide educational resource center on blindness.

Individuals Served

Kentucky Students Who are Blind and Visually Impaired (ages 5-21), grades Primary-12.

Range of Academic Services to Students Who are Blind and Visually Impaired:

- Enrollment in a full time Center-based Educational Program at the Louisville campus.
- Participation in extensive two-six weeks Short Course Programs during the school year (while maintaining enrollment in the home school district) designed to improve skills in the areas of Braille, Orientation and Mobility, Computer and Assistive Technology, Low Vision, and Study Skills.
- Engagement in Summer Enrichment Programs to increase knowledge and experience in reading, math, art, technology, sports/recreation, and vocational training. Programs are available for grades K-12.

Range of Services to Local School Districts, Teachers, Parents of Students Who are Blind and Visually Impaired:

- Braille books, large type materials, and specialized equipment such as Braille writers and 4-Track Tape Recorder/Players are sent to schools to aid their students with visual impairments from the Kentucky Instructional Materials Center.
- Resources for parents of children with visual impairments are available through the Parent Resource Center.
- Assistance to classroom teachers, consultative and diagnostic services to school districts, and training for vision itinerants are offered through KSB's Kentucky Instructional and Diagnostic Services (KIDS).

Referral Process

Students are referred to KSB by the local education agency through the Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) process.

Eligibility Requirements

Students must be a resident of Kentucky and must be between the ages of 5-21. Vision must be the student's primary sensory handicap and primary handicapping condition. Students must have need of specialized techniques for severe visual impairment. They must be socially competent, have no significant medical problems, and must be able to perform daily personal skills such as drinking, eating, bathing, grooming etc. with minimal assistance.

Agency Contacts

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Kentucky Instructional and Diagnostic Services Director: Linda Smith,

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Kentucky Instructional Materials Resources Center Manager: Adam Ruschival,

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Parent Resource Center: jshaffer@ksb.k12.ky.us

Kentucky School for the Deaf

Mission

The Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) ensures that deaf and hard of hearing children and youth in Kentucky have educational opportunities to develop their potential to become educated, life-long learners and productive citizens.

In partnership with families, local school districts, and other service providers, KSD functions as a statewide educational center where:

- Students come first;
- Teaching and learning go hand in hand;
- Students learn and flourish;
- Families are valued;
- Hearing loss is viewed as a difference, not a deficit;
- Experienced staff care;
- Knowledge and experience are shared;
- An equal opportunity playing field is a given.

Range of Services Provided

KSD provides a comprehensive early childhood, elementary, and secondary education program to deaf and hard of hearing children and youth ages birth through 21. The main campus for KSD is in Danville, but there are regional education programs located in Northern Kentucky and West Kentucky. The residential component in Danville provides student development programming for students ages 5-21. Students who live nearby attend classes as day students.

KSD is designated as the Statewide Educational Resource Center on Deafness for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As such, it provides families, local school districts, service providers, deaf adult organizations, and governmental agencies with technical assistance, consultation services, and in-service training for the purpose of enhancing educational opportunities of deaf and hard of hearing children.

Referral Process

Perspective students may be referred for evaluation and admission by parents/legal guardians, by school districts or other agencies.

Eligibility Criteria

The primary sensory handicap of the student shall be deafness. Admission to KSD shall be provided tuition free to Kentucky residents

State Agency Contact

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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)
Office of Training and ReEmployment

Mission

The Office of Training and ReEmployment is dedicated to the preparation of Kentuckians for employment by promoting/fostering a customer-driven, integrated workforce development system which encourages and enables individuals to acquire the skills and work attitudes necessary to meet employer requirements for entry, re-entry and retention in the labor market.

Individuals Served

Our target audience is the general public, economically disadvantaged persons and dislocated workers who require our services.

Range of Services Provided

Through a WIA one-stop system, we will provide services ranging from common in-take, job search, employability skills training, labor market information through job training, job development and job placement.

Referral Process

Any of the local Workforce Investment Areas may refer individuals for services not provided directly by the local WIA one-stop. Any person may apply by simply coming to a local one-stop office and applying for services.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility is determined on an individual basis. There are three core service areas: core services, intensive services and training services. An individual may qualify for one, two or all services depending on the circumstances and need. Income and age may be factors that are included in eligibility determination.

State Agency Contact

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Vocational and Technical Education

Mission

Career technical education is an educational program offering a sequence of courses that are directly related to the preparation of individuals in paid or unpaid employment.

Individuals Served

Career and technical programs are offered by educational agencies beginning in the middle school and continue through the twelfth grade. Programs at the secondary level are offered in high schools, area technology centers and some of the technical colleges.

Range of Services Provided

Local educational agencies develop a plan for Career and Technical Education as a component of the Consolidated Plan. This application is to be developed based on a needs assessment and the identification of priorities for implementing and/or improving programs, services and activities for all students including individuals with disabilities. Program strategies for special populations will focus on equal access in recruitment programs, and the development of a continuum of programs, services and activities. The continuum may include supplemental services such as curriculum and equipment modification, instructional aids and devices and supportive personnel.

The following legislation impacts vocational education and transition:

THE CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ACT OF 1998 P.L.105-332 specifies that:

- Each eligible recipient of federal funds from P.L. 105-332 is to comply with the following assurances.
- Eligible recipient (A) will review vocational and technical education programs and identify and adopt strategies to overcome barriers that result in lowering rates of access to or lowering success in programs, for special populations, and (B) will provide programs that are designed to enable the special populations to meet the State adjusted levels of performance.
- Individuals who are members of the special populations will not be discriminated against on the basis of their status as members of the special populations.
- Funds will be used to promote preparation for nontraditional training and employment.
- Ensure that students who participate in vocational and technical education programs are taught to the same challenging academic proficiencies as are taught for all other students.
- Eligible recipients shall involve parents, students, teachers, representatives of business and industry, labor organizations, representatives of special population, and other interested individuals in the development, implementation, and evaluation of vocational

and technical education programs assisted under Title I. Eligible recipients shall maintain documentation on how such individuals and entities are effectively informed about and assisted in understanding the requirements of Title I.

-Eligible recipients will provide a vocational and technical education program that is of such size, scope, and quality to bring about improvement in the quality of vocational and technical education programs.

-The local district will implement a process to independently evaluate and continuously improve its performance.

Referral Process

Individuals, local school districts who have an Individual Education Program or a 504 Modification Plan on file may be referrals to Career and Technical Education.

Contacts

Information on specific programs and services for individuals with disabilities may be obtained from local school superintendents and building principals.

State Agency Contacts: Additional Information May Be Obtained From:

Rodney Kelly
Donnalie Stratton
Division of Vocational and Technical Education
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502-564-3775

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Mission

The Social Security Act and related laws establish a number of programs which have the basic objectives of providing for the material needs of individuals and families, protecting aged and disabled persons against the expenses of illnesses that could otherwise exhaust their savings, keeping families together, and giving children the opportunity to grow up in health and security.

Range of Services Provided

- Retirement Insurance
- Survivors Insurance
- Disability Insurance
- Hospital and Medical insurance for the aged, the disabled, and those with end-stage renal disease
- Black Lung Benefits
- Supplemental Security Income

Referral Process

The local Social Security office is the place where a person can apply for a Social Security Number; check on his/her earnings record; apply for Social Security benefits, Black Lung benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), hospital insurance protection and enroll for medical insurance. Also, a person can call SSA's toll-free telephone number, 1 800-772-1213, to receive all these services. This toll-free telephone number service is available from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM any business day. All calls are confidential.

Eligibility Criteria

Monthly Social Security Benefits can be paid to:

A disabled insured worker under age 65

A retired insured worker at age 62 or over

The spouse of a retired or disabled worker entitled to benefits who:

1. Is age 62 or over; or
2. Has in care a child under age 16, or over 16 and disabled, who is entitled to benefits on the worker's Social Security Record.

The divorced spouse of a retired or disabled worker entitled to benefits if age 62 or over and married to the worker for at least 10 years.

The divorced spouse of a fully insured worker who has not yet filed a claim for benefits if both are age 62 or over, were married for at least 10 years, and have been finally divorced for at least 2 continuous years.

The dependent, unmarried child of a retired or disabled worker entitled to benefits, or of a deceased insured worker if the child is:

1. Under age 18; or

2. Under age 19 and a full-time elementary or secondary school student;
or
3. Age 18 or over but under a disability which began before age 22.

The surviving spouse (including a surviving divorced spouse) of a deceased insured worker if the widow (er) is age 60 or over.

The disabled surviving spouse (including a surviving divorced spouse in some cases) of a deceased insured worker if the widow (er) is age 50-59 and becomes disabled within a certain period.

The surviving spouse (including a surviving divorced spouse) of a deceased insured worker, regardless of age, if caring for an entitled child of the deceased who is either under age 16 or disabled before age 22.

The dependent parents of a deceased insured worker at age 62 or over.

- In order to be eligible for SSI benefits, a person must fit one of the following three categories:
 - A. **Aged**—An “aged” person is one who is age 65 or older.
 - B. **Blind**—A “blind” person is one whose vision, with use of a correcting lens, is 20/200 or less in the better eye or who has tunnel vision of 20 degrees or less. There is no minimum age limit.
 - C. **Disabled**—A “disabled” person is one who meets the Social Security disability insurance program definition of disability.

SSI eligibility is also determined by the following criteria based on need:

- A. Income
 - B. Resources
- To be entitled to Black Lung benefits, a miner must:
 - A. Be a coal miner; and
 - B. Be totally disabled by pneumoconiosis; and
 - C. Have pneumoconiosis which arose as the result of employment in the Nation’s coal mines; and
 - D. Have filed a timely application for benefits.
 - Persons are eligible for Medicare Part A-Hospital Insurance if they are:

***Age 65 or older and:**

 1. Eligible for monthly Social Security benefits under the Social Security Act; or
 2. Qualified railroad retirement beneficiaries; or
 3. Not eligible for monthly Social Security or railroad retirement benefits but meet the requirements of a special transitional provision; or
 4. Not eligible for monthly Social Security benefits or railroad retirement benefits but voluntarily enroll and pay a monthly premium; or

5. Would be eligible for monthly Social Security benefits if their governmental employment were covered under the Social Security Act; or

***Under age 65 and disabled and:**

1. Entitled or deemed entitled to Social Security disability benefits for more than 24 months; or
2. Would be entitled to Social Security benefits for more than 24 months because of a disability if their governmental employment were covered work under the Social Security Act, or
3. Under specified circumstances, entitled to railroad retirement benefits because of disability; or
4. Lose their entitlement to disability benefits and hospital insurance solely because they are engaging in substantial gainful employment but voluntarily elect to enroll and pay a monthly premium.

***Any age and have end-stage renal disease treated by a kidney transplant or a regular course of dialysis and meet the special insured status requirements.**

- Persons are eligible to enroll in Medicare Part B-Medical Insurance if he/she is:
 - *Entitled to premium-free hospital insurance or to Premium Hospital Insurance for the Working disabled; or
 - *Age 65 or older, a resident of the U.S. and either:
 1. A citizen of the U.S.; or
 2. An alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence who has resided in the U.S. continuously during the 5 years immediately prior to the month in which he/she applies for enrollment.

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Department for Technical Education

Mission

To develop a versatile individual by providing technical education and skills training.

Individuals Served

The primary purpose of area technology centers is to serve high school students by enhancing and expanding student career options that lead to continuation of education at the postsecondary level and/or successful employment upon graduation from high school.

Range of Services Provided

Kentucky Tech Area Technology Centers provide academic and technical education and skills training. Programs vary, depending on the individual school and the needs of the community it serves. These programs may include Business and Graphic Technologies, Health and Human Services, Construction Technology, Transportation Technology, Agriculture Technology and Manufacturing Technology.

Referral Process and Eligibility Criteria

Most high schools, in cooperation with the technology centers, provide an opportunity to visit programs prior to registration to assist in finalizing career choices. High school students interested in technical programs are encouraged to enroll. Priority is given to students who are 15 years of age or older during the school year in which they enroll in a technical program. Depending on the program area, the student's eligibility may be determined by his or her ability to work safely with dangerous equipment.

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UK Kentucky Deafblind Project

Mission: To identify all children in the state who are deafblind and provide training and technical assistance to improve the quality of early intervention, special education, related services and transitional services, and to enhance the state's capacity to improve outcomes for children ages birth through 21 who are deafblind and their families, in inclusive environments with programs designed to lead toward full community participation.

Services Provided To Students Who Are Deafblind, Their Families, And Service Providers :

- * Functional hearing and vision assessments
- * Facilitation of transdisciplinary assessments
- * Assistance in development of Individual Education Program and Individual Transition Plans
- * Staff and Team development
- * Family Information Network
- * Support for families to attend conferences
- * Training opportunities
- * On-site visitations
- * Referral to Helen Keller National Center Affiliates in Kentucky for adult services
- * Interagency collaboration

Referral Process: The Kentucky DeafBlind Project serves individuals birth through 21 who have a vision and hearing impairment in combination. Persons with deafblindness usually have some vision and/or hearing. Once a referral is made by a family or agency, KDBP makes an on-site visit to family and members of the individuals educational team.

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Department for Adult Education and Literacy

Mission

The Department for Adult Education and Literacy provides leadership and support for an education system that enables adult Kentuckians to acquire essential skills that promote economic vitality and improve the quality of life.

Individuals Served/Eligibility Criteria

The Department for Adult Education and Literacy shall serve adults who are sixteen (16) years of age or older and not enrolled in a regular secondary school program and who do not possess a high school credential, or who have a high school credential, but function below a twelfth-grade level.

Range of Services

The Department for Adult Education and Literacy provides a network of local, instructional programs funded throughout the Commonwealth are designed to assist adults in acquiring knowledge and developing the potential to achieve their goals in the workplace, at home, and in society. Some examples are as follows:

- Adult education classes serving grade levels 0-8 provide basic skills to adults in their roles as learners, workers, family members and citizens to enable them to develop coping skills for living and wage earning, and to better their self-concept.
- General Education Development (GED) (grade levels 9 – 12) (includes resources for person with disabilities)
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Family Literacy – an intensive on-going program which provides education opportunities for family members to learn together.
- Institutionalized – Adults living in correctional facilities and other institutions are served through AE programs funded by federal legislation guidelines.
- Workplace Education: *Skill* Program provides customized workplace essential skills classes to business and industry. Customized ABE/GED provides general ABE/GED instruction using curricula customized by using artifacts from the workplace.

Referral Process

The Department does accept referrals when applicable; however, with most students this process is unnecessary.

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