

Top 10 (or so!) Skills Needed

The following lists are general skills needed for success in several local organizations that provide services to adult with disabilities. This list is not comprehensive, but should provide guidance when meeting with local service providers as families and the schools prepare students for the transition to adult services.

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BEHAVIORAL:

1. Not prone to physical violence or loud verbal outbursts
2. Not prone to inappropriate sexual behavior
3. Is able to remain dressed
4. Is able to follow simple rules
5. Is able to function in a group setting.

LIFE SKILLS:

6. Able to feed self with minimal assistance
7. Able to communicate in some form with staff.

SELF-CARE:

8. Able to take care of toileting and menstruation with minimal assistance

Friendship Industries

1. The individual has a certified disability: mental, emotional or physical
2. The individual is able to take care of their own personal needs
3. The individual presents no danger to self or to others
4. The individual is of legal working age
5. The individual is free of disease which is communicable in a normal business or production setting
6. The individual has a reasonable expectation of benefiting from the requested service
7. The individual cannot exhibit behaviors which consume unacceptable amounts of staff time.
8. Minimum age - 17 years old
9. Funding must be available to support clients who wish to enter Assessment, Work Adjustment or Supported Employment

Pleasant View, Inc.

With a variety of programming for day services, PV, Inc is able to provide services to students with varying needs. Individual programs might have different criteria for participation, and it is best to contact Pleasant View, Inc for specific information concerning your transition-age child.

Valley Associates for Independent Living, Inc (VAIL)

VAIL provides an array of services to individuals with disabilities with varying needs. VAIL specializes in advocacy, information and referral, peer counseling, and independent living skills training. VAIL coordinates the Individual and Families with developmental disabilities Medicaid Waiver (DD) and assists individuals with securing personal attendant care. VAIL works with families to understand the many human services and programs that are available to individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to, financial, employment, housing, in-home support services and modifications to the home for accessibility. VAIL also works with families and students in understanding the IEP process and working for successful education experience and transition to adulthood.