









## TRANSITIONAL SERVICES INFORMATION SHEET

The following is a list of Adult Service Agencies within the state of CT that could serve eligible students residing in Ridgefield, CT. If you would like further information or to request services from any of the below agencies, please contact Ridgefield Public Schools' Transition Coordinator, Jessica DiValentino at [jdivalentino@ridgefieldps.net](mailto:jdivalentino@ridgefieldps.net) or (203) 894-5525 x.7773.

	Agency	Services	Contact
	Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind	BESB offers a wide range of services, both directly and through community rehabilitation providers to assist job seekers to obtain the skills and credentials that lead to employment success. Through the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, job seekers can access a variety of services at American Job Center locations across the state. Examples of these service include seminars on interviewing techniques, resume writing, and customized job searches to locate employers who are hiring in your chosen field. BESB Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors are also available to work with you and the American Job Center staff to help bring about a successful employment match.	Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor at 860-602-4032
	DSS - Department of Autism	The Department of Social Services Waiver for Persons with Autism provides home-and community-based services to individuals with autism who do not have an intellectual disability (a full IQ score of 70 or higher).	Nathaniel Calixto, MA Autism Support and Resource Specialist Department of Social Services 55 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06105 <a href="mailto:Nathaniel.Calixto@ct.gov">Nathaniel.Calixto@ct.gov</a> 860-424-5677 Fax: 860-920-3170

	<p>Bureau of Rehabilitation Services Vocational Rehabilitation</p>	<p>Exploring the right job for you, Preparing for, getting and advancing in the job, Job placement, training, and internships. Assistance managing your services and work. Access to tools and equipment needed. Youth-targeted program, Level Up. Information and Referral to other programs and services</p>	<p>Danbury Office - (203) 702 0152</p>
	<p>Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</p>	<p>Our goal is to provide the types of supports our clients will need to make their journey to adulthood successful. Types of supports include mental health treatment, employment support, life skill development and housing assistance.</p>	<p>(860) 262-6988 DMHAS Young Adult Services 1000 Silver Street P. O. Box 351 Middletown, CT 06457</p>
	<p>Department of Developmental Disabilities</p>	<p>The Employment and Day Services (EDS) division was created in 2018 to oversee the employment and day options provided by the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services. The division works with individuals, families, providers, community partners, and businesses to prepare individuals for competitive employment and match them with jobs that meet their interests, skills, and abilities. EDS currently offers a variety of day and employment services to individuals across the state of Connecticut.</p>	<p>State of Connecticut, Department of Developmental Services Attention: Constituent Services 460 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106 860-418-6000</p>
	<p>CT State Department of Education - Secondary Transition</p>	<p>Connecticut has a wealth of resources and services that can assist all students to be college and career ready when they exit high school. <i>Easing into Secondary Transition: A Comprehensive Guide to Resources and Services in Connecticut</i> is an opportunity for educators, students and families throughout Connecticut to identify and access these secondary transition planning resources. Additional</p>	<p><b>Alycia M. Trakas</b> Education Consultant Bureau of Special Education P.O. Box 2219 Hartford, CT 06145-2219</p>

		Contacts: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Secondary-Transition/Easing-into-Secondary-Transition/Contact">https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Secondary-Transition/Easing-into-Secondary-Transition/Contact</a>	Phone: 860-713-6932 <a href="mailto:Alycia.Trakas@ct.gov">Alycia.Trakas@ct.gov</a>
	CT Department of Social Services	See a comprehensive list of all programs and services offered via DSS: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Lists/Programs-and-Services">https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Lists/Programs-and-Services</a>	–
	Commission for Accessibility - Ridgefield CT	<a href="https://www.ridgefieldct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif4916/f/uploads/resource_booklet_for_people_with_disabilities.pdf">https://www.ridgefieldct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif4916/f/uploads/resource_booklet_for_people_with_disabilities.pdf</a>	<b>Tony Phillips, LCSW</b> Town Hall 400 Main Street Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2777

### Other Transition Related Resources

CT State Department of Education Secondary Transition Page  
<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Secondary-Transition>

Building a Bridge From School to Adult Life (2009), CT Transition Manual

Created by CT Transition Task Force

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Special-Education/Buildingabridge.pdf>

Parent's Guide To Special Education in CT (2007) Created by CT State Department of Education

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Special-Education/Parents\\_Guide\\_SE.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Special-Education/Parents_Guide_SE.pdf)

IEP Manual (revised 2015) Created by CT State Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Connecticut-IEP-Manual>

## Para-Transit Support for Mobility Disabled in Ridgefield

The Sweetheart Bus information sheet and application

<https://www.hartransit.com/sweethart/paratransit>

## Understanding The Benefits-Social Security

<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10024.pdf>

## Guardianship in CT

<https://www.jud.ct.gov/lawlib/notebooks/pathfinders/guardianshipinct/guardianship.pdf>