

# Community Resource Guide



The Nashville metro area has many agencies and organizations that help students with disabilities as they transition from school to adult life. This guide was adapted from The Center on Secondary Education for Students with Autism (CSESA) by TennesseeWorks Partnership.

## Resources from this Presentation

<p><b>Career Connect: Mentors in the News (AFB)</b></p>	<p>Stories of successful adults who have a visual impairment and work in a wide variety of fields</p>	<p><a href="http://www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/for-job-seekers/our-stories/careerconnect-mentors-in-the-news/1234">http://www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/for-job-seekers/our-stories/careerconnect-mentors-in-the-news/1234</a></p>
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<b>Leading your own IEP Meeting</b>	Audio and script of how to prepare to lead your own IEP meeting	<a href="http://nichcy.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/audio/st1audio.mp3">http://nichcy.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/audio/st1audio.mp3</a> <a href="http://nichcy.org/publications/st1script">http://nichcy.org/publications/st1script</a>
<b>TennesseeWorks PowerPoint</b>	Get the PowerPoint from the TennesseeWorks presentation at TSB	<a href="http://tennesseeworks.org/tsbpresentation/">http://tennesseeworks.org/tsbpresentation/</a>  Password: transition
<b>The Short and Sweet on the IEP</b>	A brief overview of what occurs at an IEP meeting	<a href="http://nichcy.org/schoolage/iep/overview">http://nichcy.org/schoolage/iep/overview</a>

## Advocacy Supports

<b>Disability Law &amp; Advocacy Center (DLAC) of Tennessee</b>	Advocacy, training, and mediation for Tennesseans with disabilities	(615) 298-1080 <a href="http://www.dlactn.org">www.dlactn.org</a>
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<b>The Arc of Davidson County</b>	Family support, support coordination, advocacy, and supported employment	(615) 321-5699 <a href="http://www.arcdc.org">www.arcdc.org</a>
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## Employment

<b>Access AmeriCorps</b>	Work placements, benefits, and scholarship opportunities	Volunteer Tennessee (615) 253-2990 <a href="http://www.tn.gov/finance/admin/vt/tnaccessamericorps.shtml">http://www.tn.gov/finance/admin/vt/tnaccessamericorps.shtml</a>
<b>Benefits to Work Project, TN Disability Coalition</b>	Analysis of SSI benefits to help individuals make informed employment choices	888-839-5333 <a href="http://tndisability.org/benefitstowork">http://tndisability.org/benefitstowork</a>
<b>Center for Independent Living of Middle TN, Inc.</b>	Support for self-advocates about housing, transportation, and employment	(615) 292-5803 <a href="http://www.cilmtn.org/">http://www.cilmtn.org/</a>

<b>Tennessee Career Center, Nashville, Metro Center</b>	Internet access, workshops, recruitment, training, job placement, resume development	(615) 253-8920 <a href="http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/cc/cccounty_files/davidson.shtml">http://www.tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/cc/cccounty_files/davidson.shtml</a>
<b>Vocational Rehabilitation Regional Office, Nashville</b>	Job training, psychological/vocational assessments, medical services for people with disabilities entering/returning to employment	(615) 741-1606 <a href="http://www.tn.gov/humanserv/rehab/vrs.html">www.tn.gov/humanserv/rehab/vrs.html</a>

## General Disability Resources

<b>Tennessee Disability Pathfinder</b>	A database of useful disability services and resources for families in Tennessee	(615) 322-8529 <a href="http://www.familypathfinder.org">www.familypathfinder.org</a>
<b>Tennessee Technology Access Program (TTAP)</b>	Funding assistance, device demonstration, and loans for assistive technology	(615) 313-5183 <a href="http://www.tn.gov/humanserv/rehab/ttap.html">www.tn.gov/humanserv/rehab/ttap.html</a>

## Transportation Supports

<b>Metropolitan Transit Authority (Access Ride)</b>	Door-to-door transit service within Davidson County	(615) 862-5950 <a href="http://www.nashvillemta.org/">http://www.nashvillemta.org/</a>
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## Helpful Websites

<b>Career OneStop</b>	Tools to help job seekers, students, businesses, and career professionals.	<a href="http://www.careeronestop.org/">http://www.careeronestop.org/</a>
<b>JobTIPS</b>	Student online program for those transitioning to the workplace.	<a href="http://do2learn.com/JobTIPS/index.html">http://do2learn.com/JobTIPS/index.html</a>
<b>Youth to Work Coalition</b>	Provide resources that link schools to work-based learning experiences for youth with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.nsttac.org/ytw/home">http://www.nsttac.org/ytw/home</a>

## Visual Impairment Specific Resources in Nashville

<b>Tennessee Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired</b>	Vocational rehabilitation, independent living services, deaf-blind services	(615) 313-4914 <a href="http://www.state.tn.us/humanserv/rehab/bvis.html">www.state.tn.us/humanserv/rehab/bvis.html</a>
<b>TREDS (TN Deafblind Project)</b>	Training for families, educators, professionals, and people ages birth through 21 with hearing and vision loss	(615) 936-0262 <a href="http://www.treds-deafblindproject.com">www.treds-deafblindproject.com</a>