

Hoosier Workforce Resources, December 2022

Achieving a High School Diploma or High School Equivalency – Adult Education Programs

- **Indiana Institute on Disability and Community**
IIDC has multiple resources for every stage of life, including schooling and job resources.
<https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/what-we-offer/lifespan.html#adulthood>
- **Department of Workforce Development**
 - **Indiana Career Ready**
 - <https://indianacareerready.com/>
 - **Adult Learning Centers (WorkOne offices)**
 - <https://www.in.gov/dwd/WorkOne/locations.html>
 - **Adult Education Programs within Department of Workforce Development**
 - <https://www.in.gov/dwd/career-training-adult-ed/adult-ed/>
 - **Work and Learn Apprenticeships**
 - <https://www.in.gov/dwd/owbla/>
 - **Career Readiness System**
<https://www.in.gov/dwd/job-seekers/win-career-readiness-system/>
- **Excel Center**
 - <https://excelcenter.org/locations/>

Education After High School

- **Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)**
AHEAD is a leader in professional membership association for individuals committed to equity for person with disabilities in higher education.
<https://www.ahead.org/about-ahead/about-overview>
- **College Resources for Students with Disabilities**
<https://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/students-with-disabilities/>
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- **Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center**
Helping students with disabilities as they transition from school to adult lives, working and/or post-secondary education.
<https://instrc.indiana.edu/>
- **National Center for College Students with Disabilities**
The only federally funded national center in the U.S. for college and graduate students with any type of disability.
<http://www.nccsdonline.org/>
- **National Center on Secondary Education and Transition**
NCSET offers technical assistance and information related to secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities.
<http://ncset.org/default.asp>

- **Is College for You?**
<https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/doc/resources/is-college-for-you.pdf>
- **INSource Transition to Adult Life**
<https://insource.org/files/pages/0090-Transition%20Guide-Rev%2010-28-14.pdf>
- **Pre-Employment Transition Services**
Pre-ETS are available to students with disabilities, age 14-22, who are enrolled in school. Pre-ETS include job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on postsecondary opportunities, workplace readiness training and instruction in self-advocacy.
<https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/5474.htm>
- **Vocational Rehabilitation**
VR provides funding for post-secondary education programs to help obtain a job
<https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/rehabilitation-employment/vocational-rehabilitation-employment/>
- **Your Next Step In**
Helpful resources for education and job training in Indiana, along with other helpful workforce resources.
<https://yournextstepin.org/>

Workforce Training

- **Vocational Rehabilitation**
VR provides quality, individualized services to enhance and support people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain or retain employment
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 - <https://www.in.gov/dwd/owbla/>
 - **WIN Career Readiness Tool**
 - <http://www.in.gov/dwd/2710.htm>
- **Erskine Green Training Institute**
Postsecondary vocational training opportunity for individuals with any type of disability. This is for those who have exited high school, but a high school diploma is not required.
<https://www.erskingreeninstitute.org/>

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How Pre-ETS can help you- <https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/files/Pre-ETSBasics.pdf>

Pre-ETS providers- <https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/files/CountiesbyPreETSproviders.pdf>

How and Where do I find a job?

- **Vocational Rehabilitation**

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<http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2636.htm>

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- **Work and Learn Apprenticeships**

- <https://www.in.gov/dwd/owbla/>

- **WIN Career Readiness Tool**

- <http://www.in.gov/dwd/2710.htm>

- **Next Level Jobs**

- <https://nextleveljobs.org/>

- **Neurodiversity Career Connector**

A marketplace for individuals who are neurodiverse to discover job openings and connect with employers.

<https://ndcc.simplifyhire.com/>

- **Teen Works**

Work-based learning program for teenage students to explore different career paths and options for life after high school.

<https://teenworks.org/>

- **Ticket to Work**

This is a free and voluntary program helping Social Security beneficiaries go to work, get a job and become financially independent, all while keeping Medicaid or Medicare benefits.

<https://choosework.ssa.gov/>

- **INAPSE**

Promoting and expanding quality, community employment outcomes of choice for all people with disabilities.

<http://www.inapse.org/>

- **Work to Include**

This coalition is part of the national Employment First movement with the goal to design a system of employment services and supports ensuring competitive integrated employment outcomes for Hoosiers with disabilities.

<https://www.worktoinclude.org/>

What about my Medicaid and Social Security Benefits?

- **MED Works: Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities**

Many people are fearful of obtaining a job or receiving a promotion and how the effect of the increased income will affect their benefits. MED Works is an Indiana program designed to allow employees with disabilities to work without fear of losing their Medicaid.

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/2548.htm>

- **Indiana Works**

The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance services are commonly known as “benefits counseling” for individuals who are receiving Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplement Security Income who are currently employed, re-entering the workforce or are interested in work. The staff have been trained to assist with identifying possible resources and how they will affect their benefits all while trying to meet the person’s employment goals.

<https://www.aspireindiana.org/community-programs/indiana-works-wipa>

Living Independently

- **Lifecourse**

Helps individuals and their family members to organize ideas, visions, goals, problem solving, navigate and advocate for supports in one’s own life.

www.lifecoursetools.com

- **Independent Living Centers**

Promotes the independent living philosophy to empower all people with disabilities. Each center is unique but operates under the same five core services: peer counseling, information and referral, individual and systems advocacy, independent living skills training, transitioning from nursing homes and other institutions in the community, assisting those at risk of entering institutions, and facilitating transition of youth to postsecondary life.

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2762.htm>

- **40 Developmental Assets**

Health building blocks of health development to help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

<https://www.arcind.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/40-Developmental-Assets-for-Adolescents-age-12-18.pdf>

Not sure where to start?

- **Finder**

Various services and resources for people with disabilities in Indiana located in one location.

<http://indianadisabilityresourcefinder.org/>

- **Indiana 211**
Confidential service provided through the state to help a person find the resources they need.
<https://in211.communityos.org/>

Organizations that are here to help:

- **Indiana Family to Family**
This organization supports families raising children or youth who require additional health or educational assistance by providing resources and training.
<https://www.inf2f.org/>
- **Family Employment Awareness Training (FEAT)**
The Center on Community Living and Careers delivers FEAT to Hoosier families, their young adults with disabilities, and the professionals who support them.
<https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cclc/training-and-events/family-employment-awareness-training.html>
- **HANDS in Autism**
This is a statewide training and resource center making an impact in lives of individuals with autism and other special needs along with their families and caregivers.
<https://handsinautism.iupui.edu/>
- **The Arc of Indiana**
This organization works throughout the state to give support, answer questions and provide information and resources to families of children with special needs.
<https://www.arcind.org/>
- **INSOURCE**
This organization works throughout the state to give support, answer questions and provide information and resources to families of children utilizing special education services.
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Higher Education Internship & Networking Opportunities

- **The Gregory S. Fehribach Center- Eskenazi Health**
Partners with employers to provide students with a physical disability with an opportunity for independence, employment and civic engagement through an internship related to the student's major.
<https://www.eskenazihealth.edu/programs/Fehribach-Center>
- **Disability: IN NextGen Leaders**
College students and recent graduates with disabilities are matched one-on-one with mentors

from Disability: IN Corporate Partners across a diverse range of industries.

<https://disabilityin.org/what-we-do/nextgen-leaders-initiatives/>

- **Lime Connect**

A global organization bringing people with disabilities together by attracting, preparing and connecting individuals with scholarships, internships and full-time careers.

<https://www.limeconnect.com/>