



# **Allen County Transition Resource Guide**

**Education, Employment & Independent Living**

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Transition is a time of change. Students with disabilities benefit from focused transition planning during their high school years so that they may develop and achieve their goals. Transition planning should begin early and addressed yearly in the students' Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Some of the services that will support them include area agencies with resources that they may not have had contact with yet.

This guide is intended to assist school personnel, individuals and their families/guardians with information to address basic needs of education, employment, and independent living.



# **Education**

After graduation from high school, students with documented disabilities are able to receive accommodations as needed on an individual basis. The students must self-identify with the school's disability services' office.

<b>College/ Adult Training</b>	<b>Disability Services</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Phone number</b>
Bluffton University	Disability Services	<a href="http://www.bluffton.edu/">www.bluffton.edu/</a>	419-358-3215
Rhodes State College	Accommodative Services	<a href="http://www.rhodesstate.edu">www.rhodesstate.edu</a>	419-995-8498
The Ohio State University (Lima)	Office of Disability Services	<a href="http://www.lima.osu.edu">www.lima.osu.edu</a>	419-995-8453
UNOH (University of Northwest Ohio)	Student Success Center, Disability support	<a href="http://www.unoh.edu">www.unoh.edu</a>	419-998-8823
Apollo Adult Education	Student Services	<a href="http://www.apollocareercenter.com/adult-education/">www.apollocareercenter.com/adult-education/</a>	1-866-998-2824 or 419-998-3000

# **Education**

The Ohio Department of Education ([www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov)) is Ohio's official website providing information on Ohio's education policy and offers information on special education and transition services in Ohio.

Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the educational interests of children with disabilities, [www.ocado.org](http://www.ocado.org).

Financial Aid for College: Federal student aid applications (FAFSA) must be submitted prior to attending college. Information on this process can be obtained by your high school district Guidance Counselors as well as your college of choice Financial Aid Office. Applications are found at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) .

The Ohio Department of Higher Education oversees higher education for the state, [www.ohiohighered.org/students/prepare-for-college](http://www.ohiohighered.org/students/prepare-for-college) .

# **Employment**

Students who have documented disabilities may be eligible for agency services designed to help them acquire, train and maintain employment.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)	2190 Allentown Rd. Lima, OH 45805	419-228-1421	<a href="http://www.oodworks.org">www.oodworks.org</a>
OhioMeansJobs Allen County	951 Commerce Parkway Lima, OH 45804	419-999-0360	<a href="http://www.omjallen.com">www.omjallen.com</a>
Allen County Board of DD (ACBDD)	2500 Ada Rd. Lima, OH 45801	419-221-1385	<a href="http://www.acbdd.org">www.acbdd.org</a>

# **Employment**

**(OOD) Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities**, also known as BVR, houses the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. This program provides individuals with disabilities the services and support necessary to help them attain and maintain employment. Disabilities may include physical, intellectual, mental health, visual or hearing impairments.

**OhioMeansJobs-Allen County** provides one-on-one job search assistance with a Career Consultant. OMJ will connect you with resources for training or skills enhancement, career information, job search assistance, and much more. OhioMeansJobs also has specific services for youth ages 14-24, who seek employment yet face barriers through the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP).

**Allen County Board of DD (ACBDD)** offers individuals eligible for services from ACBDD employment supports, assessments, Career Camp, connection to agency partners, assistance with developing employment goals and career exploration.

# **Transportation**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone number</b>	<b>Website</b>
Allen County Regional Transit Authority (RTA)	200 E. High #1C Lima, Ohio 45801	419-224-0989	<a href="http://www.acrta.com">www.acrta.com</a>
Area Agency on Aging	2423 Allentown Rd. Lima, Ohio 45805	1-800-653-7723	<a href="http://www.aaa.3.org/my-transportation">www.aaa.3.org/my-transportation</a>
Lyft	Download app to phone or device		<a href="http://www.lyft.com">www.lyft.com</a>
Black and White Taxi service	420 W. Elm St. Lima, Ohio 45801	419-222-6161	
Capabilities Driving School	809 McKinley Rd. St. Marys, OH 45885	419-394-0003 Ext. 1300	<a href="http://www.capabilitiesinc.biz">www.capabilitiesinc.biz</a>

## **Transportation**



**Allen County RTA** - aims to improve the quality of life through mobility by providing transportation services for those who might not otherwise be able to arrive at shopping, medical appointments, work and entertainment in a timely manner. Wheelchair accessible, bike carrier and uplift services.

**Area Agency on Aging** – with advance notice can help to accommodate transportation needs if there is a documented disability. Wheelchair accessible vehicles available upon request.

**Lyft** -An unlicensed taxicab service that uses a mobile app for securing rides in vehicles owned by contracted drivers.

**Black and White Taxi** – Cab service open 24 hours a day. Wheelchair accessible.

**Capabilities Driving School** – service provider offering driver assessment and training for license.

## ***Supports for Counseling and Mental Health***

***Crisis Hopeline***: If you need to talk to a licensed mental health professional at any time, you can call 800-567-4673 (HOPE), or text 741-741.

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Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB)	529 S. Elizabeth St. Lima, OH 45801	419-222-5120	<a href="http://www.wecarepeople.com">www.wecarepeople.com</a>
Family Resource Center	530 S. Main St. Lima, OH 45804	419-222-1168	<a href="http://www.frcoho.com">www.frcoho.com</a>
SAFY	658 W. Market St. Suite 101 Lima, OH 45805	419-222-1527	<a href="http://www.safy.org">www.safy.org</a>
Coleman Health Services	799 S. Main St. Lima, OH 45801	419-229-2222	<a href="http://www.colemanservices.org">www.colemanservices.org</a>
Lima UMADAOP Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program	311 E. Market St. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Lima, OH 45801	419-222-4474	<a href="http://www.limaumadaop.com">www.limaumadaop.com</a>
PASS (formerly PVFF) Prevention Awareness Support Services	309 W. High St. Lima, OH 45801	419-549-8530	<a href="http://www.passaah.org">www.passaah.org</a>

## **Supports for Counseling and Mental Health**

**Mental Health and Recovery Services Board** – Resource HUB for local prevention and treatment services.

**Family Resource Center (FRC)** – Specialized behavioral health services to individuals, children and families.

**SAFY (Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth)** - Coordinated community-based programs that ensure the physical and emotional safety of each individual while improving family functioning.

**Coleman Health Services**- Provider of behavioral health, residential, employment and support services that improve the lives of individuals and families.

**Lima UMADAOP** - Provides counseling, intervention and referral services; prevention and treatment programming for individuals. Increasing the awareness sensitivity of human service providers to the needs of Hispanic and African American consumers by providing culturally sensitive training and their families.

**PASS (Prevention Awareness Support Services)- (formerly PVFF)** Supports evidence-based programs in each of the prevention focus areas of child abuse, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, suicide and problem gambling. Serving the community through the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin counties.

## ***Independent Living Supports***

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone number</b>	<b>Website</b>
Health Partners of Western Ohio (Main office)	441 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Lima, OH	419-221-3072	<a href="http://www.hpwohio.org">www.hpwohio.org</a>

Allen County Family Children First Council (FCFC)	P.O. Box 1243 Lima, Ohio 45802	419-223-8563	<a href="http://www.allencountyohio.com/family-children-first">www.allencountyohio.com/family-children-first</a>
Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA)	600 S. Main Street Lima, OH 45804	419-228-6065	<a href="http://www.allenmha.com">www.allenmha.com</a>
United Way Information and Referral	616 S. Collett Street Lima, OH	211	<a href="http://www.211.org/about-us/your-local-211">www.211.org/about-us/your-local-211</a>
WOCAP (West Ohio Community Action Partnership)	540 S. Central Ave. Lima, OH	419-227-2586	<a href="http://www.wocap.org">www.wocap.org</a>
Allen County Job and Family Services (ACJFS)	951 Commerce Parkway Lima, OH 45804	419-228-2621	<a href="http://www.acjfs.org">www.acjfs.org</a>
Legal Aid of Western Ohio (LAWO)	545 W. Market Ste. 301 Lima, OH 45805	877-894-5499	<a href="http://www.lawolaw.org">www.lawolaw.org</a>
Disability Rights Ohio	200 Civic Ctr. Drive Columbus, OH 43215	614-466-7264 800-282-9181	<a href="http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org">www.disabilityrightsohio.org</a>
Social Security Administration	401 W. North St. Lima, OH 45801	800-223-0288	<a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>

## **Independent Living**

**Health Partners of Western Ohio**- An independent, non-profit, community-directed organization serving low income and medically underserved communities. Services: Family doctor, Dental Pharmacy, Pediatric care, Life skills coaching- No one will be turned away because they are unable to pay.

**FCFC (Family and Children First Council)** - “Connects the dots” for families (with children up to age 18, or 21 with disability) who are in need of multiple services. Through family-centered service coordination, the ultimate goal is to enable families to function independently and increase their ability to be self-sufficient. Referrals may be made through an agency or directly by a family.

**Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA)** – Federally funded public housing program to assist benefit eligible low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities.

**United Way 2-1-1-** Connects people with community resources and volunteer opportunities. The focus is to help you to find the right resource. It’s efficient, fast and easy to use. And the call is free and confidential.

**WOCAP (West Ohio Community Action Partnership)-** WOCAP offers many programs to help assist in feeding, housing and raising children as well as bettering living situations, education, and employment.

**Allen County Job and Family Services (ACJFS)** – Provides assistance services such as food, cash, Medicaid, adult protection, and child care.

**Legal Aid of Western Ohio-** Legal assistance in civil matters for eligible low-income individuals to achieve self-reliance, equal justice and economic opportunity.

**Disability Rights Ohio** - The system under federal law designated to protect and advocate the rights of people with disabilities. They provide legal advocacy and rights protection to people with disabilities.

**Social Security Administration-** Assists with disability benefits SSI and SSDI application and resources.