

Module 2: Overcoming Barriers to Employment

Part 2: Education and Training

Welcome to the Promise Parent learning module on education and training considerations. In this module, you will learn tips and resources for planning post-secondary education and training with your child.

Support After High School

Do you think your child might need schooling or other training after high school to have a good job and career? Will your child need extra support in order to get this post-secondary education? If so, start talking to your school transition teacher and DVR counselor as early as possible about your child's interests and possible needs for support in post-secondary education.

Every college in Wisconsin has a disability services department. The people in this department can help your child determine the kinds of learning accommodations they will need. If your child has an intellectual or developmental disability, there are more and more colleges starting programs for students with these kinds of disabilities. Ask your child's high school teachers to help you and your child explore these options.

As you have time, use your tablet to explore college websites with your child. You can learn a lot about their programs this way. And once your child is attending a post-secondary education or training program, be sure to set the expectation that your child pursue internships and paid work experiences while going to school.

This way, your child will complete the training program with experiences similar to their peers, making them competitive job candidates. Talk to the college's disability services department and your DVR counselor about these opportunities.

A helpful resource for you to look at is called [Opening Doors to Postsecondary Education and Training](#). This is a booklet that was developed in Wisconsin for youth and families.

Does your child have an intellectual or developmental disability? If so, college is still in their reach. Learn more about college options for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities with the [Think College Wisconsin State Plan](#).

Conclusion

This concludes the parent training module on education and training. If you have questions, talk to your DVR counselor about your questions and concerns.