





#### Find out about:

- transition planning meetings ask for the leaflet 'Tips on preparing for Transition Planning for parents and carers' and the Connexions Birmingham booklet called 'Planning for Transition'
- the information your child needs ask for other leaflets for young people in this series
- other people who can help Connexions Personal Advisers, social workers, the Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) and Head Teacher at your child's school
- post 16 opportunities and training ask for a copy of the "What Next" booklet from Connexions Birmingham

Visit the following websites for details on Transition Pathway (please note that the web pages relating to Brighter Futures and Transitions will be available by late Summer 2009, but the Connexions Birmingham website is already operational).

- Brighter Futures website:
  www.birmingham.gov.uk/brighter-futures
- Birmingham City Council website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/transition
- Connexions Birmingham
  www.birmingham.gov.uk/connexions

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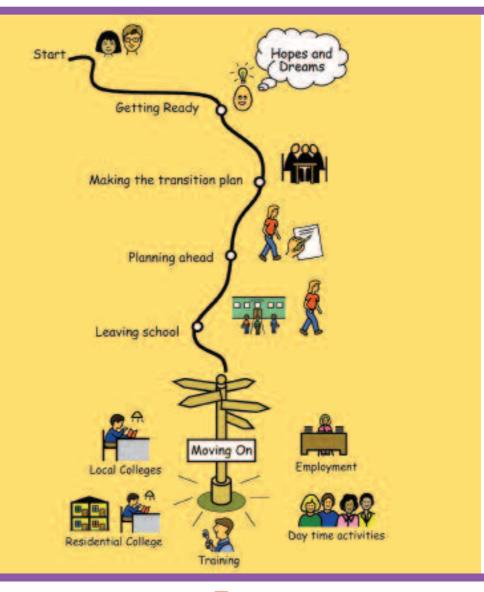








# A quick guide to Transition for Parents/Carers









## Important message to parents/carers

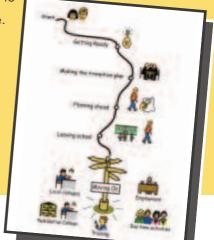
You are the most important people in your child's life. The help and guidance you give your child will continue to make a big difference to his/her self confidence, personal success and happiness.

#### What is transition?

During your child's last few years at school he/she will be encouraged to make choices about the future. Your child's move from school into adult life is called transition. It is very important for you to talk with your child and together think about what he/she would like to do and about what help will be needed to achieve success. You will be invited to meetings at school to discuss your child's future. When your child is in Year 9 there will be an important meeting called a Transition Planning meeting. Following this meeting a plan will be written - this is your child's Transition Plan.

#### What is a Transition Plan?

It is a plan which sets out the arrangements agreed at the Transition Planning meeting. It will help your child to make a smooth and successful move into adult life.



# How will the transition plan help your child?

The transition plan will:



- set out what your child would like to do next, and after leaving school
- set out what the school and others will do to help your child's transition
- give a step by step plan to help your child achieve his/her goals
- set out what you can do to help your child make a smooth transition between school and adult life
- give clear information on all aspects of the planned provision and support
- state who will make sure that all the plans are working
- list any additional care needs and responsibilities you will have as your child gets older, for example, practical help with aids, adaptations to the home, support and advice about your child's personal development, relationships and finance
- state who to contact for help and where to contact them

## Who will help?

- teachers, the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)
  and the Connexions Personal Adviser from your child's school
- other people like your child's doctor, social worker, Parent Partnership Services

