

What is DSC?

DSC (Developmental Services Center) is the premier provider of services and supports for children, ages zero to three, and adults, ages 21 and older, with developmental delays/disabilities in Champaign and Ford counties. At times, DSC is also able to offer some supplemental support for individuals receiving services through their school experience.

Since 1972, our goal has been to create opportunities for people with disabilities to live and work as independently as possible.



What is the PUNS Database?

PUNS stands for the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services. It is the database maintained by the Department of Human Services (DHS) that is effectively the waiting list for adult services. *Be sure your student is enrolled in this program.*

To enroll, call the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission at 217.328.3313.



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How can I learn more?
For referral or more
information:

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Champaign, IL 61821-2035

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The Transition Process



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Our Mission...

To enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities by providing services and supports which enable them to live, work, learn and participate in their communities.

Encouraging Independence...

Enriching Lives.



What Happens In High School?

As your child prepares to enter high school, he/she will begin exploring the start of adulthood, which will be the foundation for life after high school. Through the programs established by our local high schools, your student will have the opportunity to learn and grow in new ways; areas that may include: navigating the community, trying different work opportunities, practicing budgeting skills, cooking and social skills, all as specified through your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

From the time your child turns three years old until the age of 21 years, 364 days, he/she is entitled to receive services, mandated in Illinois, through your local school district, as specified in your child's IEP.

How Can DSC Help You Now?

DSC can help along the way: If you find that you could benefit from a friend or advocate as you navigate your student's school career, please contact DSC at 356-9176 or www.dsc-illinois.org. DSC can answer questions regarding many different issues that arise during the high school years, such as, PUNS, Guardianship and Social Security. We are here to help!

When your student is a freshman: Schedule a tour of DSC to learn more about the adult services that exist in our community. Begin to understand the differences between mandated services, such as those your student currently receives, and available services that exist for adults as funded by the State of Illinois. The system is very different and now is the time to recognize those differences.

When your student is a sophomore:

We recommend you contact DSC to initiate your referral for all potential services your student may be interested in receiving from DSC. This will be an opportunity to exchange information with DSC about your student and learn more about the services we provide.

At this time, we will share the array of services and supports your student may be eligible to receive as an adult and we will give you information about adult services at DSC.

When your student is a junior and senior:

Invite DSC to IEP meetings. This is an opportunity for DSC to learn more about your student's strengths and areas where skill enhancement may be beneficial, while also giving you information about what services and community resources may be available when your student graduates from high school.

If you are struggling to understand anything about services and supports for your child or young adult at any level, we are here and will help you find the answers to your questions. We have decades of experience helping families and want to be here to help you, too. While your needs are personal and unique, our experience can give you the added support you many need as your student ages.

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