



NORTH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SELPA

Transition Resource Guide

WorkAbility I

Serves special education students with active IEPs in grades 6 –12. The COE serves students grades 9 – post-secondary program.

May Provide: career exploration, assessment, pre- vocational skills, work maturity, and self-advocacy. Students 16 years or older may receive assistance in finding a job and keeping a job.

Students may receive assistance with post-secondary options and referrals to outside agencies.

WorkAbility I is a grant from the State Department of Education. Their website is www.workability1.net. North Santa Cruz County SELPA WorkAbility Program Number is (831) 429-3476. For the Santa Cruz County Office of Education WorkAbility Office call (831) 479-5342.

San Andreas Regional Center (SARC)

Serves children and adults with developmental disabilities. The condition must be diagnosed before the age of 18, must be expected to continue indefinitely and constitute a substantial disability. Disabilities include: mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, and other handicapping conditions closely related to mental retardation and requiring treatment similar to that of mentally retarded individuals.

May provide eligible clients with accessing other social services agencies and public benefit programs; and provides funding for services. Some examples of services are

infant education, family support services such as respite and daycare; community living arrangements such as residential care and supported living; and advocacy to access in Home Support Services or In Home Shift Nursery.

For more information call: (831) 728-1781 or www.sarc.org

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

An individual may be eligible for DOR based on the following:

1. Has a physical or mental impairment that makes it significantly difficult to get or keep a job,
2. Needs vocational rehabilitation services to obtain or retain employment, and
3. Can benefit from DOR services.

Services May Include:

- Career education and training
- Job search and interview skills
- Career assessment and counseling
- Job development and placement
- Transportation
- Assistive technology

For more information call the local Capitola office (831) 465-7100 or www.dor.ca.gov



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Transition Partnership Program (TPP)

TPP is a cooperative program between Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and the North Santa Cruz SELPA. Students who have a disability are referred to this program during their last year of school. All special education students have the right to apply for (DOR) services. However, students are selected for the TPP program because there are a limited amount of openings each year. Students are selected based on the severity of their disability and their ability to benefit from the program.

Student may receive services listed under the Department of Rehabilitation and receive assistance from the TPP staff as they transition from school to work.

For more information call: (831) 429-3476

Hope Services

Hope is a nonprofit agency that services people with developmental disabilities. Services include a range of employment and job training programs, developmental activities, professional counseling, infant services, senior services, supported and independent living services, and mobility training.

For more information call (831) 421- 9900 or www.hopeservices.org

Community Options

Community Options is designed to integrate and support people with developmental disabilities to lead independent lives in their home communities.

They offer the following programs:

- Community Employment
- Supported Employment
- Senior Community Employment
- Independent Living Services
- Mobility Training
- Housing
- Assistive Technology Services
- Transition Services
- Rehabilitation Case Services

For more information call (831) 763-0315 or <http://www.communityoptions.org/>

Social Security

Students with a disability may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

To be eligible for SSI based on a medical condition, a person must:

- Have little or no income or resources
- Be considered medically disabled
- Initially not be working or working but earning less than the substantial gainful activity

Once a student turns 18 years old his or her family's income is no longer a factor in determining eligibility.

For additional information on supplemental security income go to

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/> or call 1-(800) 772-1213.



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Workforce Santa Cruz

Workforce Santa Cruz is available to all people in the Santa Cruz community. It provides a wide variety of services to assist people in finding a job. Their virtual career center offers the following:

- On-line interest and work values assessment
- Email your resume to employers
- Explore training options
- And much more

Go to www.workforcescc.com to access the virtual career center or call (831) 464-6286 for more information.

County Mental Health

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service serve eligible youth who are at risk for out of home placement and are seriously emotionally disturbed.

Services may include:

- Assessment
- Individual, family, and group therapy
- School based day treatment
- Family support
- Evaluation for psychiatric hospitalization

For more information go to www.santacruzhealth.org or to make a referral call (831) 454-4900

For students over 18 years of age go to www.namiscc.org for more information

Special Olympics

Special Olympics serves students who have a developmental disability. It provides a variety of sporting opportunities.

For more information call (831) 429-4258.

For more information on recreational activities for people with disabilities visit www.scaccessguide.com

Santa Cruz Metro Mobility Training

Serves people with disabilities and senior citizens.

Provides mobility training (one to one instruction) in the use of the bus system. People with a disability may be eligible for a transit discount card.

For more information call (831) 423-3865