

Monthly tips and resources featured in **What's Next?** are created for young adults, their families, and supporters who are exploring options for life after high school in Indiana.

Explore transition in Indiana from the comfort of your couch

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Recordings of the [INvest in Your Future 2020 Virtual Transition Fair](#), hosted by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), are now available online. For the

fair, IDOE recorded the presentations, which featured speakers from organizations around the state, in November 2020. They're listed on the IDOE website by the topic area categories: Employment, Education and Training, and Independent Living.

Here you'll find a brief description of what's available as well as links to the presentations, but use the link above to access the full site, where you'll also find some additional materials and a list of presenters and their biographies.



Employment

- In this section, you will find the VR 101 videos: "[Working with Indiana VR](#)" and its Spanish counterpart, "[Trabajando con la rehabilitación vocacional de Indiana](#)." These helpful, quick-sketch videos, created by the Center on Community Living and Careers (CCLC), explain VR's eligibility and application process as well as the employment services offered to eligible adults and Indiana students in transition (ages 14-21).

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- In his presentation, [Pre-ETS 101](#), Jonathan Kraeszig, director of Youth Services at VR, described Pre-Employment Transition Service (Pre-ETS). VR offers eligible students counseling so they can explore jobs and set up paid or unpaid work experiences in the community. The video; slides; a Pre-ETS Basics information sheet; and an Indiana map showing Pre-ETS providers by county, are also included.

Education and Training

This section could be helpful for you if you are thinking about getting more education or career training after you leave high school.

- The [INSPIRE program at Franklin College](#) is a college and work experience program for students with disabilities (ages 18 to 22) who are planning to exit high school with a Certificate of Completion. (Students must be attending nearby, participating school districts.) By participating in college classes and activities, students can develop social skills that lead to employment. Find more information on the [INSPIRE webpage](#).
- [The Erskine Green Training Institute](#) (EGTI) provides vocational training for students with disabilities after they leave high school. Training includes hands-on experiences for a variety of jobs in the hotel, food service, and healthcare support environments. Find more information on the [EGTI webpage](#).
- [Project SEARCH](#) is a one-year transition employment program for students. Indiana has seven Project SEARCH sites. Some are high school transition sites, providing students with internship experiences involving clerical, customer service, health care services, manufacturing, technology, and other work skills. A few sites provide similar internship experiences to young adults up to age 24. For more information, see the Center on Community Living and Careers' webpage on [Indiana internship opportunities](#) and scroll down the page.
- [The Office of Disabilities Services at Ball State University](#) provides access to tools and resources to enable degree-seeking students with disabilities to manage day-to-day life in college. At Ball State, incoming freshmen with disabilities can be paired with a faculty mentor in their major area of study. Read more about [The BSU Office of Disability Services on their webpage](#).

- The Student Transition into Educational Programs, commonly called the [STEP Program at Vincennes University](#), is an academic support program for students with learning disabilities (LD). STEP's goal is to help students with LD achieve their highest academic potential. Find more information on the [Vincennes' STEP webpage](#).

Independent Living

- In "[Transition-Age Youth and Benefits](#)," Stephanie Gage, a project coordinator with the [Benefits Information Network \(BIN\) project](#) of the Center on Community Living and Careers, presented information on Social Security programs and on how transition-aged students and young adults can work while maintaining the benefits they need for housing, health care, and other services and supports.

Bonus tip: Save the dates— July 21-23

More great resources! You're invited to Facing the Future Together, Indiana's virtual 2021 transition conference for young adults, families, middle and high school teachers, and employment professionals. Presentations will include insight, discussion, and information on benefits, ABLE accounts, customized employment, Pre-Employment Transition Services, and postsecondary education. More information coming soon!



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