

- **Where do I start?**

A good place to start your planning is in your Individual Education Program (IEP), and Transition Plan.

- **How important is my IEP and Transition Plan?**

Your IEP/Transition plan is about you, your education, and your future! Since it's all about you, you should have a say in what is happening. Don't let others make plans for you without your input. Your IEP/Transition plan will be the first step to help you reach your dreams about the future (after high school).

Starting at age 16, you should attend your IEP meetings to tell everyone about the dreams you have for yourself after you leave high school. You will discuss and plan what classes, experiences, and activities will help you reach your dreams. This is the chance to direct your future, instead of someone else calling the shots!

- **What can I do while I'm in HIGH SCHOOL to prepare for my future?**

Few students know what they want to do after high school. They aren't sure what kind of job they will have, or if they will go on to college. High School is a time to figure out what you want to do.

1. Learn everything you can about different types of jobs by job shadowing, touring businesses, listening to guest speaker's, attend career fairs, on the job training, and internet Career Cruising.
2. Take classes that will prepare me for attending college, a trade school, or a job.
3. Find out what kind of grades I need to attend college.
4. Take assessments or evaluations of your interests, abilities, likes, dislikes, and strengths.
5. Develop and build on your strengths.
6. Know your disability.
7. Know what helps you to learn best.
8. Learn about technology that will help you.