

## Transition Resources/Agencies

Name of Organization	Purpose	Contact Information
<b>State and National Agencies/Resources</b>		
<b>Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)</b>	The MRC promotes equality, empowerment and productive independence of individuals with disabilities. These goals are achieved through enhancing and encouraging personal choice and risk taking for independence and employment.	<b>Phone:</b> 1-800-245-6543  <b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="http://www.mass.gov/mrc">www.mass.gov/mrc</a>  <b>Address:</b> 600 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111
<b>Department of Developmental Services (DDS)</b>	DDS provides funding for family support programs and services across the state designed to provide information, assistance, and an array of supportive services to families with children and adults with disabilities who are living at home.	<b>Phone:</b> 617-727-5608 or 888-367-4435  <b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="http://www.mass.gov/dds">www.mass.gov/dds</a>  <b>Address:</b> 500 Harrison Avenue Boston, MA 02118
<b>Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB)</b>	The Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) provides the highest quality rehabilitation and social services to individuals who are blind, leading to independence and full community participation. MCB accomplishes this critical mission by working in partnership with consumers who are legally blind, families, community agencies, health care providers, and employers.	<b>Phone:</b> 617-727-5550  <b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcb/">http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcb/</a>  <b>Address:</b> 600 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111
<b>Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH)</b>	The mission of MCDHH is to provide accessible communication, education and advocacy to consumers and private and public entities so that programs, services and opportunities throughout Massachusetts are fully accessible to persons who are Deaf and hard of hearing.	<b>Phone:</b> 617-740-1600 Voice 617-740-1700 TTY or 800-530-7570 TTY 800-882-1155 Voice  <b>Videophone:</b> Dial 617-265-8447 or use the following IP address: 70.22.152.162  <b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcdhh/">http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcdhh/</a>

	<p>otherwise eligible. The monthly payment varies up to the maximum federal benefit rate, which may be supplemented by the state or decreased by countable income and resources. SSI provides monthly cash benefits and makes one eligible for Medicaid/Mass Health, which covers payment of medical bills.</p>	<p>Office and Disability Determination Office locations.</p>
<p><b>Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)</b></p>	<p>SSDI is financed with Social Security taxes paid by workers, employers and self-employed persons. To be eligible for a Social Security benefit, the worker must earn sufficient credits based on taxable work to be “insured” for Social Security purposes. Disability benefits are paid to blind or disabled workers, widow(er)s, or adults disabled since childhood, who are otherwise eligible. A son or daughter that is disabled is eligible for SSDI benefits under the parent’s work history if either parents have retired and are collecting social security. The amount of the monthly disability benefit is based on the Social Security earnings record of the insured worker.</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 1-800-772-1213</p> <p><b>Email/Web:</b>  <a href="http://www.ssa.gov/boston/MA.htm">http://www.ssa.gov/boston/MA.htm</a></p> <p><b>Address:</b> The link above provides both Massachusetts Social Security Office and Disability Determination Office locations.</p>
<p><b>Mass Health</b></p>	<p>The Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) runs the Mass Health program, formerly known as Medicaid. The DMA offer various types of insurance coverage, including primary or supplementary policies, available on a sliding fee scale, for families who do not meet income guidelines for the free or lower cost plans. Mass Health offers coverage intended to provide primary or supplementary health insurance to families without insurance, to families who have insurance but need help paying the premiums or paying the deductibles and co-payments, to women who are</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 1-800-841-2900</p> <p><b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="http://www.mass.gov/dma">www.mass.gov/dma</a></p>

<p><b>North Shore Community College's "Bridge to the Future" – Lynn Campus</b></p>	<p>"Bridge to the Future" is a non-credit program built on North Shore's Community College's 25 year commitment to Project Access. Classes focuses on three main skills: Communication Skills, Independent Living Skills, and Independent Workforce Skills. The course of study includes vocational skill building and academic challenges.</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> John Zbyszynski - Project Manager – 781-593-6722 x 2195</p> <p><b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="mailto:jbyszyn@northshore.edu">jbyszyn@northshore.edu</a></p> <p><b>Address for John Zbyszynski:</b> 1 Ferncroft Road Danvers, MA 01923</p>
<p><b>The Threshold Program at Lesley University</b></p>	<p>The Threshold Program at Lesley University is a campus-based, two-year program for highly motivated young adults with special needs.</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 617-349-8181 or 1-800-999-1959 x 8181</p> <p><b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="http://www.lesley.edu/threshold/">http://www.lesley.edu/threshold/</a></p> <p><b>Address:</b> 29 Everett Street Cambridge, MA 02138</p>
<p><b>Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment (ICE) Partnerships</b></p>	<p>For the past seven years, the ICE grant program has provided monies to school districts and state public institutions of higher education partnering together to offer inclusive concurrent enrollment programs for students ages 18 to 22 who are considered to have severe disabilities.</p> <p>Through Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment (ICE) partnerships, students with severe disabilities are afforded the means to attain academic and employment skills that prepare them to succeed in the world that awaits them after high school.</p> <p>Students continue to avail themselves of opportunities to take credit and non-credit courses alongside their non-disabled peers; to develop self-determination and self-advocacy skills; to improve academic, social, and functional skills; and to participate in career</p>	<p>See the handout so as to identify the myriad MA Colleges/Universities involved in ICE.</p>

	organization that has been helping people with disabilities to live full and independent lives for more than 60 years.	<b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="http://www.EasterSealsMA.org">www.EasterSealsMA.org</a>  <b>Address:</b> 89 South Street Boston, MA 02111  256 Union Street New Bedford, MA 02740  484 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608
<b>The Federation for Children with Special Needs</b>	Since 1974, the Federation for Children with Special Needs has grown from a grassroots parent group to a nationally recognized 501(c)3 organization that annually serves more than 40,000 Massachusetts families and their children with special needs.	<b>Phone:</b> 617-236-7210 or 1-800-331-0688  <b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="mailto:info@fcsn.org">info@fcsn.org</a> <a href="http://www.fcsn.org">www.fcsn.org</a>  <b>Address:</b> The Schrafft Center 529 Main Street Suite 1102 Boston, MA 02129
<b>Massachusetts Sibling Support Network (MSSN)</b>	MSSN is here to help siblings every step along the way. They provide education, create communities and increase the range of sibling services.	<b>Phone:</b> 617-807-0558  <b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="mailto:info@masiblingsupport.org">info@masiblingsupport.org</a>  <a href="http://www.masiblingsupport.org">www.masiblingsupport.org</a>
<b>The Charles River Center</b>	The Charles River Center offers a plethora of services including: The Community Living Program, Family Support Programs and Therapeutic Day Services.	<b>Phone:</b> 781-972-1000  Ellen Kilicarslan – Vice President – Family Support – Direct No.: 1-781-972-1048  <b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="http://www.charlesrivercenter.org">www.charlesrivercenter.org</a>  <b>Address:</b> 59 East Militia Heights Road Needham, MA 02492
<b>The Guild for Human Services</b>	Offers an Adult Residential Program for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorders and/or Individuals with	<b>Phone:</b> 781-893-6000  <b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="mailto:mcostello-">mcostello-</a>

	will open its Somerville campus for the 2014-2015 academic year. The two to three year program is aimed at integrating young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities into the community. The program is suitable for young adults between the ages of 22 and 32.	<p>Andrea Albert – Life College Coordinator – 914-980-8423</p> <p><b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="mailto:aalbert@3LPlace.org">aalbert@3LPlace.org</a></p> <p><b>Address:</b> 50 Whitman Street Somerville, MA 02144</p>
<b>Autism Housing Pathways (AHP)</b>	<p>Autism Housing Pathways (AHP) was created to provide information, support, and resources for families who seek to create secure, supportive housing for their adult family members with disabilities.</p> <p>While autism is the main focus of AHP, we welcome those representing other disabilities.</p>	<p><b>Phone:</b> 617-893-8217</p> <p>Catherine Boyle – President of AHP</p> <p><b><u>ccampboyle@comcast.net</u></b></p> <p><b>Email/Web:</b> <b><u>www.autismhousingpathways.net</u></b></p>
<b>Cardinal Cushing Adult Service Residential Programs – Hanover and Braintree</b>	Offers 8 homes within the community for individuals over the age of 22 with developmental disabilities.	<p><b>Phone:</b> 781-826-6371 – Hanover 781-848-6250 – Braintree</p> <p><b>Email/Web:</b> <b><u>www.CushingCenters.org</u></b></p> <p><b>Address:</b> Cardinal Cushing Centers - Hanover 405 Washington Street Hanover, MA 02339</p> <p>Cardinal Cushing Centers – Braintree 85 Washington Street Braintree, MA 02184</p>
<b>CLASS, Inc.</b>	CLASS, Inc. a nonprofit organization focusing on people's abilities, has been creating life-enhancing opportunities for more than 38 years. Agency programs and services support more than 500 individuals and their families in Northeast Massachusetts. Services include: job training and placement, day habilitation, transportation and clinical/therapeutic services.	<p><b>Phone:</b> 978-975-8587</p> <p>Stacey Leibowitz – Director of Operations for the Employment Services Office – 978-975-8587 x 1217</p> <p><b>Email/Web:</b> <a href="http://www.classinc.org">www.classinc.org</a></p> <p><b>Address:</b> One Parker Street Lawrence, MA 01843</p>
<b>Additional Resources</b>		
<b><u>The Special</u></b>	As cited by many on the web, a	<b>Authors:</b> John W. Nadworny Cynthia