



Moving from School and/or Children Services to Adult Services: If You Will be Turning 18 Soon, the ADRC is Here to Help You Navigate the Transition

What is the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)?

- The Aging and Disability Resource Center is a place where the public can go to get accurate and unbiased information related to living with a disability. The ADRC is a welcoming place where anyone can receive information about public benefits as well as all of the various resources in our area. Individuals, family members, friends and professionals can all receive information from the ADRC related to physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, mental health and/or alcohol and other drug abuse problems and aging.

How can the ADRC help me with the transition from school and/or children's services to adult services?

- Options Counselors and Disability Benefit Specialists at the ADRC are available to assist you with the transition. Benefit Specialists can assist with making sure you maintain your disability benefits once you turn 18 or assist you in applying for disability if you do not have a determination from Social Security. Options Counselors can assist you with deciding what programs, if any, is going to be the best for you.

When should I contact the ADRC to start the transition process?

- You can contact the ADRC at anytime to ask questions and obtain information related to services available in the community.
- At the age of 17 years and 9 months is when we are able to begin the process of determining functional and financial eligibility for the adult publicly funded programs.

What are the publicly funded long-term care options if I would qualify?

- There are currently 3 different program options that you could choose from if you qualify. They are: 1) Community Health Partnership's

- Partnership program, 2) Community Health Partnership's Community Family Care program, or 3) IRIS- self directed support waiver program.
- ❑ If you receive Medical Assistance, you would still be eligible to receive the card services regardless of if you choose to enroll in Partnership, Family Care or IRIS

How will I know what program to choose?

- ❑ After contacting the ADRC, you will have an Options Counselor to work with you. Options Counselors are very knowledgeable about these three programs and other community resources and can explain them to you and help you weigh which will be the best fit.

What if I decide on a program and decide I want to try something else?

- ❑ If you are considering making a change in programs or considering no longer participating in any program, you will need to work with an Options Counselor to assist you with this transition.

How do I contact the ADRC and where is it located?

- ❑ The ADRC is located within the Eau Claire County Courthouse. Our hours are Monday through Friday from 8am until 5pm. The address is:
721 Oxford Avenue
Room 1550
Eau Claire, WI 54703
- ❑ Our phone number is 715-839-4735 or toll free at 1-888-338-4636
- ❑ Visit us on the web or send us an email at:
www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/ADRC
adrc@co.eau-claire.wi.us

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE ADRC WITH QUESTIONS AT ANYTIME. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER!

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You are welcome to stop in anytime. If you would like to talk to an Options Counselor or Disability Benefit Specialist, you may want to call to schedule an appointment.

