



## Transition Support:

Planning the transition early can help ease the pressure on individuals and families. DSO transition planning resources can help you.



## Age Milestone Checklist

Once in high school, request a psychological assessment that includes cognitive and adaptive function scores for DSO. Update your transition plan and Individual Education Plan (IEP) with your school team.



At age 16, call your area DSO or apply online to see if you are eligible.



At age 16 to 17, schedule a transition meeting with your school.



At age 17 and 6 months, apply for income/employment support through the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), separate from DSO.



Before age 18, complete your application package with DSO.



## Call or Text 2-1-1 Helpline

(toll-free 1-877-330-3213)

or visit

**dsontario.ca**

to find and connect with  
your area DSO

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# In the blink of an eye, children become ADULTS

Transitioning from children's  
to adult developmental services  
doesn't have to be difficult



## How can the DSO help?

When youth turn 18, services such as Special Services at Home, Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities or services through the Ontario Autism Program, end.

At the age of 16, youth can apply through Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) to see if they are eligible to receive Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) adult-funded supports available in their community after they turn 18.

## What is DSO?

DSO is the access point for adult developmental services. DSO connects people to available services and supports in their community so that they can become more independent and actively involved in their communities.

There are nine DSO agencies across the province. Apply through your local DSO to see if you are eligible to receive supports available in your community.

## Once confirmed eligible, DSO will help you:

- understand and complete the application process
- determine the kind of services you need including transition and housing supports
- get access to MCCSS-funded services and supports that you need when a spot becomes available
- find information and resources in your community

## Stay in touch

It may take some time before you get your services and supports. In the meantime, tell your area DSO if any of your information or situation changes.



## Services & Supports:

Your area DSO works with a variety of ministry-funded agencies and programs across the province to help connect you to services and supports.

