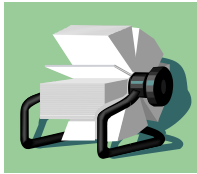


# Developmental Services



## YOU MAY WANT TO INCLUDE....



- Contact information for your agency
- Contact information for your service coordinator



- Contact information for your Voc Rehab Counselor



- Copy of your service plan
- Copy of funding information

# Developmental Services by Nicole Leblanc



I graduated from Randolph Union High School in 2004. After graduation I took a college art class. I wanted to take more college courses but I had great difficulty with the placement test. My Voc Rehab counselor helped me go to Grafton Job Corps. I graduated from the Job Corps with certificates in Data Entry, Peer Facilitation, Peer Mediation, and medical records.

Now it was time to look into Adult Services. I went through some testing to find out more about my disability. Then I looked into what services I might be eligible for. My dreams were to move out of my parent's house and out of my small home town. I also wanted to move into a new independent life and career.

My advice to younger self-advocates ready to plan for leaving school is to:

1. Go to a Development Services agency to find out if you are eligible for services.
2. Do a needs assessment.
3. Get job experience while still in high school.

4. Learn to self-advocate at your I.E.P. meetings.

You have a right to say, "This is what I want my future, my life to look like."

5. Get involved with a local self-advocacy group.

6. Learn how to network and make connections.

The first time my agency went to the funding committee I was denied a waiver. My team got together and rewrote the request. The second time my funding went through. I was given a Medicaid Waiver to pay for:

⇒ a service coordinator

⇒ a roommate to live with

⇒ transportation

⇒ and respite

Don't give up. Keep trying even when the going gets tough and you find the road to getting services very frustrating.

Reach for the STARS!



# Developmental Services



**It's Your  
Choice!**

## What are Developmental Services?

### They...

- help keep people living in their communities
- keep people out of institutions
- prevent or respond to abuse and neglect
- keep a person safe (if their health or safety would be at risk if left alone)
- support adults who are or may become homeless
- help high school graduates keep a job they got when in high school
- prevent adults from causing a danger to someone else

## Why is this important to me?

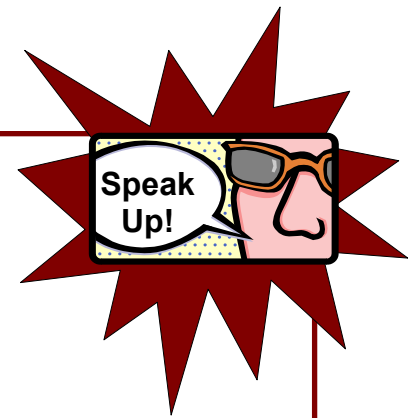
The answer is in what you want.

### Do you want to:

- ⇒ live and get around in your community?
- ⇒ be independent **and** safe?
- ⇒ get help with staying healthy and safe?
- ⇒ get help if you find yourself without a home?
- ⇒ get help with keeping a job?
- ⇒ get help keeping people around you safe?

**Developmental Services may be able to help.** Your team and someone from Developmental Services will do an assessment to decide if you are eligible.

# Developmental Services



## Let your team know you want more information

Check the topics below that you want to find out more about.

- What can Developmental Services actually do?
  - How do I find out if I am eligible for Developmental Services?
    - ⇒ What is involved?
    - ⇒ Who does it?
    - ⇒ How is it paid for?
    - ⇒ What if I don't agree?
  - What other kinds of services are available?
  - Do I have to get services from an agency?
  - What are my choices?
- Who is in charge of my services?
  - What do I do if I feel unsafe or confused?

**You and your team should find out what services are available after high school. Start looking at least 2 years before you leave school.**

**But, remember, you have a say!!!**

**Who will you talk to?**

---