

Transitioning to Adult Life

One of the biggest challenges facing students is the transition from Mom and Dad's home to living independently. Highland Community Learning Center (HCLC) expends significant effort to develop the student and the opportunity for independent living in the community. The combination of student preparation and providing options for the student is critical to the success of the student.

The preparation of the student is essential while the student is participating in high school. The design of our program is to help the student close any social skills deficits that may exist while developing skills to allow for self-maintenance. Counseling services, behavior plans, and social skill development classes are designed to help the student to understand essential personal issues and providing them the skills necessary to independently handle issues in a more effective manner. The social skill development includes budgeting, cooking, personal hygiene, finances, bank accounts, applying for a job, applying for a place to live, applying for college, and real world participation in development of this knowledge.

The transition to opportunities for the student includes multi-levels of opportunity. If the student is highly motivated toward college, the student will be assisted in enrollment, taken to tests, campus tour to ensure the student knows where help is located, and provided any additional tutoring help available by our faculty. If a student is wanting to transition to work there are several options available for the student to select. All levels of employment would include entry level training and transitioning the student to stable employment. The options would include hospitality, small factory, food service, and janitorial services. HCLC will develop the option for the student to select and work cooperatively toward success in the placement.