

Preparing to Live Independently With Support

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Agenda...



- 1. Skills to build early on
- 2. Looking into the future
 - Considerations for supports

Disability Awareness

- What is your disability?
- What does that mean for you?
 - What are you really good at?
 - Where do you need support?





Accommodations and Modifications

- Things that help you do your school work or job
- Do you know what supports do you need and benefit from?
- How do you ask for these supports?
 - Right now your teachers might know, but what will you do when a boss doesn't?



Self Advocacy



- Telling others what you need or want
- Communicating about things that are hard, worrying, or causing you anxiety
- Asking for help

Determine Goals

As a team, discuss:

- What are the ultimate goals for the student and the family?
- What skills need to be developed and built now?



Adaptive Daily Living Skills (ADLs)

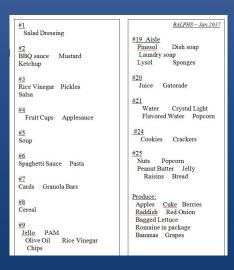
What are they and why do they matter?







Everyday Supports for Daily Living



- Visuals
- Calendars/schedules/cell phone reminders
- Routines
- Think about:
 - What works best for you? How do you use these supports? What might you need to learn to use them more independently?

Break It Down

- What are the skills needed to reach that goal?
- What pre-requisite skills should be worked on now to support those goals?
- What are the areas of need?
- Where are others providing support for the individual?
- What do *you* do each day that the individual might need support accomplishing?

Example: Live Independently

Medication:

Does the individual know how to:

- Monitor their medications and know when it's low and needs a refill? (Before the bottle is completely empty)
- Can they refill medication on their own? If not, who does that?

Wellness/Health:

- Who do they tell if they aren't feeling well?
- Can they identify things that are "out of the ordinary" but not "typical illness"?
- Can the student call themselves out of work if they are ill?

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Communication:

- If if their bus is late, will they know what to do, who to call?
- Do they know the process for requesting time off work?

Personal Care:

- Can they create a shopping list for their own daily needs?
- When their razor blade is dull, can they identify that, change it, and then also identify that they need to purchase new blades?