

Who are Transitioning Youth?

Students transitioning from school to adult services are typically referred to as “Transitioning Youth.” The formal process of transition generally begins at age 14 and continues until the student leaves school. Eligible students with developmental disabilities are entitled to remain in school until the year of their 21st birthday. Students (and those who turn 21 years old during the current school year regardless of enrollment in school) who meet eligibility and financial criteria may access GTYI funds and DDA services.

What is GTYI?

GTYI is the Governor’s Transitioning Youth Initiative. The GTYI is a program that supports students to obtain needed day or vocational supports to successfully work, volunteer, and safely participate in and contribute to their communities. Supports and services are funded in collaboration by the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).

Who is Eligible?

Unlike school services, DDA services are not an entitlement and students must meet specific eligibility requirements. Access to funding and services depends upon:

- DDA Eligibility requirements
- Medical Assistance and financial requirements
- Funding Availability
- Timeframe requirements

A coordinator can assist the student and family with transition planning and will help the eligible student access funding from the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Service Coordination, Inc. (SCI) offers a mobile workforce and technological capabilities which allow us to work from virtually anywhere in the communities we serve in the following counties:

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| • Anne Arundel | • Harford |
| • Baltimore City | • Howard |
| • Baltimore | • Montgomery |
| • Charles | • Prince George’s |
| • Calvert | • St. Mary’s |
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Governor’s Transitioning Youth Initiative

CHOICES. CONNECTIONS. COMMUNITIES.



Assess: We listen to and observe each person to learn what is important to them. We assist people to determine where support is needed or desired.

Plan: We support the development of an Individual Plan that is tailored to each person's wants and needs. We identify services that meet your needs to help you live and work successfully in the community.

Connect: We identify and access resources. We build relationships within the community.

Monitor: We ensure that people are getting the services and supports detailed in their Individual Plan. We safeguard each person's rights, health, and safety.

Advocate: We educate, inform, and support people to make choices and decisions.

How Does a Service Coordinator help You?

- Serve as your Coordinator of Community Services to help you navigate the DDA transition process (GTYI).
- Provide information on local licensed DDA service providers and assist with applications, as needed.
- Apply for benefits to access funding for services through DDA.
- Monitor services to ensure they are provided appropriately.
- Connect you with resources in your community.

For more information on Transitioning Youth and Community Coordination, please visit our website:

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Service Coordination, Inc. (SCI)

SCI has been providing quality case management throughout Maryland since 1982. SCI has been working with transitioning students even before the inception of the Governor's Transitioning Youth Initiative (GTYI) in 1989.

Service Coordination has developed relationships within Maryland communities by participating and serving on:

- Local county commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.
- Committees with County Boards of Education.
- Metro Area Transition Council.

As well as other local transition and education advocacy groups.

SCI is currently the largest case management agency in Maryland, serving more than 12,000 people in 15 counties and Baltimore City and working with hundreds of transitioning students each year.

SCI works with individuals with developmental disabilities who are receiving services funded by the Maryland State Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), and people who are applying for DDA services.

SCI is a private 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization serving people throughout Maryland.



SCI is accredited based on The Standards for Excellence Institute® which promotes the highest standards for ethics, effectiveness, and accountability in nonprofit governance, management, and operations.

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Our Mission

SCI provides quality Case Management Services by helping people understand what their choices are and connecting them to resources in their communities in ways that respect their dignity and rights.

We welcome all people who can benefit from our services. We help people understand options in a dignified and respectful way.

We provide quality information and helpful options that can guide people to resources of their choice, ultimately supporting their decisions to connect to available services.

WHAT WE VALUE

- People Come First
- We Drive Solutions
- We Build Connections
- We Educate



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