

Maury County Schools

Special Education Department

Post-Secondary Transition Resource Directory



Post Secondary Education/Training

School	Services	Contact Information
<p>Austin Peay State University</p>	<p>Full Spectrum Learning for students with Autism seeking a college degree. Services include one-on-one tutoring, peer mentoring and ongoing support from staff and faculty. The purpose is to increase success of students with ASD in academics, engagement and retention. The focus is on independence, academics, and social skills.</p>	<p>Program Director: Emmanuel Mejeun Email: mejeune@apsu.edu Phone: 931-221-7543 Website: www.apsu.edu/full-spectrum-learning/</p>
<p>Columbia State Community College</p>	<p>Office of Disability Services is for students with disabilities seeking a college degree. Services include appropriate academic adjustments based on disability and individual need.</p>	<p>Disability Services Coordinator: Wynn Gooch (Columbia campus) Phone: 931-540-2857 Robyn O’Neal (Franklin campus) Phone: 615-465-5722 Website: www.columbiastate.edu/disability-resources</p>

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<p>Lipscomb University</p>	<p>IDEAL a 2 year program for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Services include peer mentors, modified course content, and peer tutors. Students earn a certificate of completion and university transcript of courses and internships completed.</p>	<p>Program Director: Andrea Pewitt</p> <p>Email: adpewitt@lipscomb.edu</p> <p>Website: www.lipscomb.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/ideal-program</p>
<p>University of Memphis</p>	<p>TigerLIFE a a 60 hour program in Career and Community Studies. Provides individualized program os student in the areas of academic, social, vocational and independence for students ages 18-29 with intellectual disabilities.</p>	<p>Contact: Maurice Williams at mwillia@memphis.edu or Viki Poole at v.poole@memphis.edu</p> <p>Phone: 901-678-4303</p> <p>Website: www.memphis.edu/tigerlife</p>
<p>University of Tennessee</p>	<p>FUTURE is a 2 or 3 year course of study for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students can audit undergraduate courses and complete an internship on or off campus. Services include career and clinical counseling to help develop academic, vocational social and decision making skills. Students receive a vocational certificate.</p>	<p>Program Coordinator: Emma Burgin</p> <p>Email: eburgin@vols,utk.edu</p> <p>Website: https://futureut.utk.edu</p>

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<p>Union University</p>	<p>EDGE is a 2 year certificate program for people ages 18-26 with an intellectual and/or developmental disability. Studies focus on employment training, daily living skills, godly focus, and educational enrichment. Students will audit courses, participate in life skills classes and work in on campus or off campus internships. They will earn a certificate of completion.</p>	<p>Director: Jennifer A. Graves</p> <p>Email: jgraves@uu.edu</p> <p>Phone: 731-661-5382</p> <p>Website: http://www.uu.edu/programs/education/edge/</p>
<p>Vanderbilt University</p>	<p>Next Steps is a program based on Person Centered Planning. Students have a customized plan for achievement in academics, independent living skills, career development, and university life. It is a 4 year program. Services include tutoring and peer mentors.</p>	<p>Phone: Tammy Day, 615-322-3978</p> <p>Email: tammy.l.day@vanderbilt.edu</p> <p>Website: https://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/departments/nextsteps/</p>
<p>Northfield Workforce Development and Conference Center</p>	<p>Provides educational institutions to be housed under one roof to offer opportunities for training for job seekers and dually enrolled youth. Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology offer programs here in Industrial Maintenance, Automotive Technology, Practical Nursing, and Computer Numerical Control Machining.</p>	<p>Phone: 931-398-6000</p> <p>Address: 5000 Northfield Lane Spring Hill, TN 37174</p> <p>Website: https://northfieldworks.com</p>

Employment

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<p>Tennessees Career Center/ American Job Center (Columbia)</p>	<p>Free resources and guidance for finding employment including instruction and workshops on writing resumes', career readiness, and how to interview for a job. There are job listings and information about available jobs in the area. Summer youth experience activities are for out of school youth who are unemployed, underemployed or who need basic skills to complete their high school diploma or equivalent.</p>	<p>Office contact: Wendi Jones or Heidi Hoffman Email: wjones@sctdd.org or hhoffman@sctdd.org Phone: 931-490- 3800 Address: 119 Nashville Hwy. Suite 106 (Northway Shopping Center) Columbia Website: www.sctworkforce.org/maury.html</p>
<p>Employment & Community First CHOICES</p>	<p>ECF is a program administer by TennCare and offers services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Services help people become employed and live as independently as possible in the community and include career exploration, job development, job coaching, supported employment, independent living skills, transportation, personal assistance, assistive technology, respite and supportive home care.</p>	<p>Middle TN Regional Office: 800-654-4839</p> <p>Email: Adrian O'Bryant at adrian.o'bryant@tn.gov</p> <p>Apply online at https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long-term-services-supports/employment-and-community-first-choices.html</p>

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Goodwill Career Solutions	Provides job placement and training solutions for individuals who may need assistance with job search process by providing access to career planning and occupational skills training. Training programs include Computer Basics, Customer Service Call Center, Construction, Custodial, Forklift.	<p>Contact: Tom Schmidt</p> <p>Phone: 931-548-3460</p> <p>Address: 405 S. James Campbell Blvd., Columbia 38401</p> <p>https://giveit2goodwill.org/careersolutions/</p>
Job Corp	Job training with on the job experience that leads to industry certifications in 81 industries. Academic classes that lead to high school diploma, driver's education, English language learning, tutoring, residential and nonresidential campuses.	<p>Phone: 800-733-5627</p> <p>Memphis Campus: 1555 McAlister Drive, Memphis, TN 38116</p> <p>Phone: 901-396-2800</p> <p>Bristol Campus: 984 Denton Valley Road, Bristol, TN 37620</p> <p>Phone: 423-878-4021</p> <p>Website: www.jobcorps.gov</p>

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Vocational Rehabilitation Community Rehabilitation Center	TN Rehabilitation Center (TRC) provides job search, job skills training and job placement for individuals with disabilities. Other services include training for community living.	Phone: Manager, 931-380-2550 TTY: 931-380-2551 Address: 206 Wayne Street, Columbia, 38401
TN Rehabilitation Center at Smyrna	This is a comprehensive vocational rehabilitation training center for individuals with disabilities that offers services on campus and through residential living. Programs include Automotive Detail, Employment Readiness, Garden Center Employee, Retail Training, Warehouse Training, Business Education Training, Commercial Cleaning, Food Service, and Social Skills training for individuals with Autism.	Superintendent: Karen Carothers Phone: 615- 459- 6811 Address: 460 Ninth Avenue Smyrna, TN 37167 Website: https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/ds/trc-smyrna.html

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Pre-Employment Transition Services (Vocational Rehabilitation)	Instruction provided to students with disabilities beginning at age 14 who are in school. Classes are held in the high school setting and teach skills such as career exploration, self-determination, self-advocacy, job seeking skills, job maintaining skills, how to interview and how to write a resume'.	Field Supervisor: Gregg Pennington Phone: 931-685-5138 Email: greggory.pennington@tn.gov
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Services for individuals with disabilities focusing on gaining competitive employment including evaluation, job training, job seeking skills, job placement, and other support services.	Contact: Amanda Thomas, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Phone: 931-490-3830 Email: amanda.thomas@tn.gov
WAVES	Provides individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with adult day services, adult residential programs, employment programs.	Address: 145 Southeast Pkwy, Franklin TN 37064 Phone: 615-794-7955 Email: contact@wavesinc.com

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<p>Brightstone</p>	<p>Serves adults ages 21 and up who have a developmental disability through Day Programs. They sometimes serve people with Autism and multiple handicaps such as Cerebral Palsy. They provide Job Training, Social Awareness and Recreation, and Life-Long learning including functional math and reading, and basic computer skills. A future residential program is planned.</p>	<p>Contact: Elaine Farmer</p> <p>Phone: 615-790-4944</p> <p>Address: 140 Southeast Pkwy. Court, Franklin, TN 37064</p> <p>Website: www.brightstone.org</p>
<p>Step Up Spring Hill</p>	<p>Step Up is a community based organization for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through volunteer work at places like Grace Works and The Well Outreach, clients gain vocational, community living, self-determination, social and daily living skills.</p>	<p>Contact: Gina Brown, Director of Programs</p> <p>Phone: 770-846-6504</p> <p>Email: stepupspringhill@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: www.stepupspringhill.org</p>
<p>Tennessee Works</p>	<p>Employment focused partnership for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Resources for parents and individuals are provided on the website.</p>	<p>Email: tennesseeworks@vanderbilt.edu</p> <p>Website: www.tennesseeworks.org</p>

Independent Living

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<p>Technology Access Center</p>	<p>Assistive technology evaluation, free AT tools, access for work environment, training, tools for daily living</p>	<p>Contact: Evan Esprey Phone: 615-248-6733 Address: 475 Metroplex Dr. Suite 301, Nashville, 37211 Website: www.tacnashville.org</p>
<p>The Arc Tennessee</p>	<p>Services include support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to empower them to fully participate in the community, a handbook about conservatorship, workshops, SSI tip sheet, etc.</p>	<p>Phone: (615) 248-5878 Toll Free: (800) 835-7077 Address: 545 Mainstream Drive Suite 100, Nashville, TN 37228-1213 Website: www.thearctn.org</p>

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<p>Tennessee Disability Coalition</p>	<p>Benefits to Work program, Vote Campaign, Family Voices Advocacy, Project Brain</p>	<p>Phone: 615-383-9442</p> <p>Email: coalition@tndisability.org</p> <p>Address: 955 Woodland Street Nashville, TN 37206</p> <p>Website: www.tndisability.org</p>
<p>Empower TN</p>	<p>Programs to support accessibility in the community, Braille services, support for understanding Medicare and Benefits to Work programs.</p>	<p>Contact: Tria Bridgeman, Independent Living & Benefits Specialist</p> <p>Email: triab@empowertn.org</p> <p>Phone: 615-292-5803</p> <p>Website: www.empowertn.org</p>
<p>Impact Center</p>	<p>Programs include adult day programs for community participation, supported employment and residential support.</p>	<p>Phone: 931-281-2114</p> <p>Address: 1209 Tradewinds Drive, Columbia, TN 38401</p> <p>Website: www.progressivedirections.com</p>

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<p>Buffalo River Services, Inc.</p>	<p>This is a organization that provides the following services to individuals with disabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported living/Residential services • Personal Assistant Services • Employment Services • Community Based Adult Day Services • Nursing • Medical Residential • Hospital Attendant • Long Term Care Supports • Family Support • Respite • Therapy • Family Based Services • Choices 	<p>Phone: Mary Staggs, Family Support Director/Intake, 931-762-3203</p> <p>Email: mary.staggs@brstn.org</p> <p>Address: 2300 W.O. Smith Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464</p> <p>Website: www.brstn.org</p>

Community Involvement/Recreation

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<p>ABLE Youth</p>	<p>A sports focused program for children and adults with disabilities ages 3-22. Programs include Super Sports Saturday, Wheelchair Races, Cheerleading and Wheelchair Basketball Team.</p>	<p>Phone: 615-480-4331</p> <p>Address: 2000 Mallory Lane Suite 130-542 Franklin, TN 37067</p> <p>Website: www.ableyouth.org</p>
<p>Boys & Girls Club</p>	<p>After school youth services and character development program. They provide academic support and summer educational activities.</p>	<p>Phone: 931-490-9401</p> <p>Email: info@bgcmaury.com</p> <p>Website: www.bgcmaury.com</p>
<p>Jill's House</p>	<p>A weekend adventure camp experience for children and youth with disabilities ages 6-17 to enjoy horse back riding, zip lining, archery, hiking, s'mores and more. It's an overnight respite opportunity for parents.</p>	<p>Phone: Elizabeth Oliver, Local Program Supervisor, 615-787-3180</p> <p>Email: elizabeth.oliver@jillshouse.org</p> <p>Website: www.jillshouse.org</p>

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Maury Magic Riders	A therapeutic horse riding center for individuals with disabilities. Horse riding lessons for children and adults with disabilities are offered in spring, summer and fall.	Phone: 931-380-1119 Email: mmr@maurymagicriders.com Address: 1210 Loftin Road, Columbia, TN 38401 Website: www.maurymagicriders.com
Special Olympics	Athletic competition and sports training in Olympic style games	Phone: 931-698-5858 Email: ics@tkds.org Website: www.specialolympicstn.org

Family Support

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Centerstone	Services for children, adolescents and families include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• individual, group and family counseling• school-based counseling and prevention services• psychiatric evaluation and treatment• medication evaluation and management – including prescription assistance• case management• in-home counseling• crisis intervention services• education and support	For information: (888) 291-4357 Crisis Line: (800) 681-7444 Address: 801 School Street Columbia, TN 38401 Website: https://centerstone.org

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<p>Dept. of Intellectual & Development Disabilities (DIDD)</p>	<p>The primary purpose of the Family Support program is to support families who have school-aged or younger children with severe disabilities: adults with severe disabilities who choose to live with their families; adults with severe disabilities not supported by other residential programs funded by state or federal funds.</p> <p>Services can include but are not limited to: Respite care, day care services, home modifications, equipment, supplies, personal assistance, transportation, homemaker services, housing costs, health-related needs, nursing and counseling.</p>	<p>Phone: Tammie Browning, Middle TN Coordinator</p> <p>Email: tammie.browning@tn.gov</p> <p>https://www.tn.gov/didd/for-consumers/family-support/family-support-coordinators.html</p>
<p>Mental Health Cooperative</p>	<p>School based therapy and community based care management for children and adolescents with emotional/behavioral needs. They help with: Behavior management assistance in the home, eligibility benefits and financial supports, assistance with school meetings and other appointments, alcohol & drug treatment, juvenile court assistance, and school consultation.</p>	<p>Phone: 931-380-3449 office 866-790-8848 toll free office 615-743-1555 intake 866-816-0433 toll free intake</p> <p>Address: 100 Berrywood Drive, Columbia, TN 38401</p> <p>Website: www.mhc-tn.org</p>

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Tennessee Disability Pathfinder	A statewide database of services including social service agencies, medical clinics or recreation activities searchable by region or service type.	Phone: 800-640-4636 Email: tnpathfinder@vumc.org https://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/pathfinder/needhelp/
The Family Center	Services include emergency financial assistance, food pantry, clothes and hygiene closet.	Phone: 931-388-3840 Email: familys@familycenter.org Address: 921 Beckett Street, Columbia, TN 38401 Website: https://familycenter.org

Public Transportation

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<p>Mule Town Trolley</p>	<p>Public transportation for all residents of Maury County. Special Needs services include:</p> <p>Hearing Impaired: Visual signs indicating current and approaching sign information. TTY Telephone information is available by calling 800-848 0298.</p> <p>Visually Impaired: Information on the Mule Town Trolley Service and Routes will be provided in large font print upon request to the South Central Area Transit Service (SCATS) by calling 931-379-2907.</p> <p>Physically Impaired: All Mule Town Trolleys and Connection Buses are Wheel Chair Accessible and ADA Compliant.</p>	<p>Phone: 931-379-2907</p> <p>Email: tfrazier@sctdd.org</p> <p>Website: http://muletowntrolley.org</p>
<p>Maury United Ministries (MUMS)</p>	<p>Free transportation provided by volunteers from local churches.</p>	<p>To request a ride: 931-626-6867</p> <p>Website: www.mauryunited.org</p>

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South Center TN Development District (SCTDD)	Public transportation providing transportation services to everyone based on nondiscrimination practices. Vehicles meet or exceed Americans With Disabilities Act requirements.	Phone: 931-388-9595 Address: 1202 S. James Campbell Blvd., Columbia, TN 38401

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