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Greetings,

Welcome to an introduction to adult services for transition age youth! In Rhode Island, transition planning occurs between the ages of 14 – 22 for students who have been diagnosed with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability that indicates support services into adulthood may be needed. In your hands is a packet of information to introduce you to adult services and help you and your child plan for their future.

Creating a foundation of person-centered support focusing on your child's hopes, needs and dreams as they transition to adulthood is important. We understand adult service is new to families and there are many questions regarding steps to be taken and services available. The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH/DDD) may be able to provide your child an array of service options if they meet the eligibility and Medicaid criteria.

DDD, in collaboration with Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN), has created this folder to provide information that may be of assistance to you and your child during these transition years. The documents contain information that will introduce you to adult service and may help you create a plan of action to strengthen your child's transition to adulthood.

RIPIN holds information sessions, peer to peer support and education regarding navigating adult services to assist parents and transitioning youth in developing a plan for their future. The RIPIN brochure is included in this packet; please feel free to contact them at 270-0101. Staff within DDD are also available to answer any questions you may have. Please call 462-3421 or email [Transition@bhddh.ri.gov](mailto:Transition@bhddh.ri.gov) for assistance. To reach the Administrator directly, please call 462-2519 or email [susan.hayward@bhddh.ri.gov](mailto:susan.hayward@bhddh.ri.gov)

Thank you for taking the time to review this folder. By doing so you are taking an important step in helping your child build a strong and successful future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Hayward".

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