



# County Services & Community Providers

Vitals in Transitions - April 9, 2019

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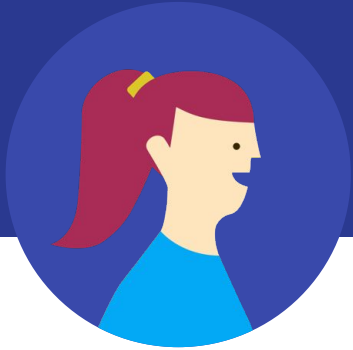
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# Possible services and supports



- Photo ID
  - Guardianship or Power of Attorney
  - Psychological Eval
  - Waiver Services
  - Voc Rehab
  - Selective Service
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# A Few Main Characters...



## Amy almost Adult

For concerns regarding not making good financial choices, guardianship may be an important consideration.



## Selective Service

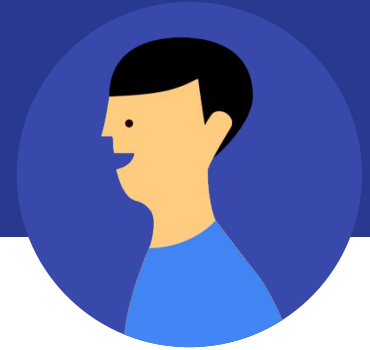
### Sam

Even though the draft is no longer in effect, all males 18-26 are legally required to sign up.



## Val ID Voter

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A simple photo ID can be very important to students who do not have their driver's licence.



## Evaluation Evan

Documentation of an psychological evaluation prior to age 18 can be critical for some services & supports.

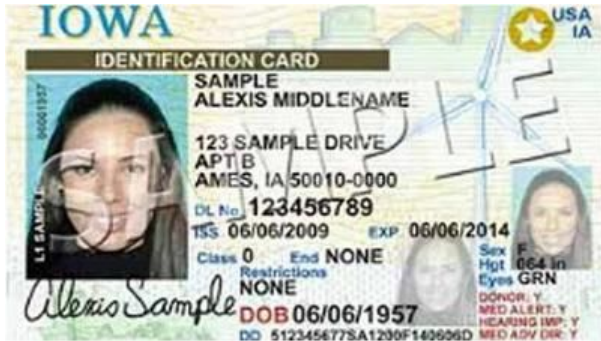
# Photo ID

If the student does not have a driver's license, it is strongly recommended that they get a photo ID.



# Photo ID

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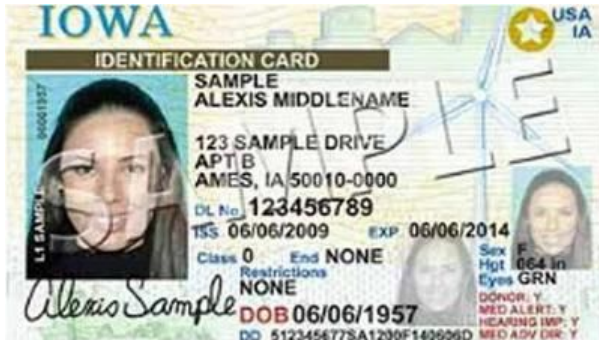
## WHY?

As an adult, it is needed for:

- Employment
- Banking
- Proof of age/identity
- Voting, etc.

# Photo ID

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- Do this at your local driver's license office
- Must show certified birth certificate & Social Security card
- If under 18, a parent or guardian must attend
- Must be renewed when it expires (in 8 years)
- Cost: \$8.00

# Documented Psychological Examination

- **Required** for eligibility of most adult programs/services
- If not completed before age 18, person may not be eligible for services
- If there is documentation this was previously done, great!
  - If it has been more than three years since the previous examination, it will need to be updated





# Documented Psychological Examination

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- Request an evaluation from a licensed psychologist of your choice
  - DHS recommendations
  - Counseling services (LSI, Berryhill, etc)
- Costs vary
- If currently on Title 19, check to see if they can set this up





# Waiver Services

Iowa has [7 waivers](#), but the main ones students use are:

- Intellectual Disability (ID)
- Brain Injury (BI)
- Health & Disability (HD)
- Child's Mental Health (CMH)

(The pink link above explains each one in more detail)

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# Waiver Services

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- If the psychological exam documents a full scale IQ of 70 or below, consider applying for the ID waiver
  - Parents will initially get a letter stating they are “denied” due to the wait list
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# Waiver Services

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- There is a **three year** wait period **AFTER** applying
- Start the conversation at least by middle school
  - Parents may need to hear this multiple times
  - If parents move, they need to update their address ASAP.
  - Start a folder to keep — all information together



# Waiver Services

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- If eligible, the iD waiver can provide:
  - Respite
  - SCL services
  - Waiver home
  - Job coaching, etc.

(The ID waiver (& all waivers) may help provide services when parents are no longer able to do so...)

# Guardianship

**For who:** Person in need of appointed guardian / power of attorney

**Why:** To assure informed consent

**By when:** Four to six months prior to age 18

**How:** By hiring a lawyer, who must petition the court for guardianship

**Cost:** \$500 and up, dependent on attorney rates.

# Guardianship (continued)

## Some links to help:

- [What Parents Need to Know About Becoming Their Son's or Daughter's Guardian or Conservator](#)
- [How to Set Up a Guardianship or Conservatorship](#)
- [Attorney, Court and Guardianship or Conservatorship Fees](#)



# Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Service (Voc Rehab)

- Pre-Ets begins last two years of High School
- Helps with obtaining employment after high school
- Complete application as directed by the VR counselor
  - Signed by parent when under 18
- FREE!





Iowa  
Vocational  
Rehabilitation  
Services

# Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Service (Voc Rehab) continued

- Voc Rehab may be able to help fund future services
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# Selective Service Registration

- Legal requirement for all males 18-26 years old
- Register online ([www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)) or pick up a card at the post office
- Must be completed 30 days before or after the 18th birthday
- Free to register



# Supplemental Social Security benefits



**For:** SSI (Supplemental Security Income)  
SSDI (Social Security Disability Income)

**Why:** May provide financial support; medical benefits, etc.  
Required eligibility for some programs/services

**How:** Contact your local office to schedule an  
appointment

**Note:** Often denied the first time, so appeal if needed

# Supplemental Social Security benefits (continued)

**By when:** begin gathering required documents 3 months prior to age 18

## **Documents you may need:**

- Social Security Card
- Birth certificate
- Proof of income/savings account records, etc.
- Proof of living arrangements
- Medical reports



# Special Needs Trust/ABLE Act

## Iowa ABLE Act

## Special Needs Trusts

- The above information describes special needs trusts and is not an endorsement of this particular Law Firm.
- It is important to use a lawyer who works in special needs trusts.



# Plan ahead



Students may not need all of these services, but planning early for those they may benefit from can make a big difference once they become legal adults.

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# Contact us



**If you have families that need more information, please let us know. We need to make sure they can make informed decisions for potential supports that may be beneficial for future services.**

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