

## **Community Agencies/ Transition** *How They Can Assist the Students*

**WV Division of Rehabilitation Services (WV DRS)** – All students in special education are referred during their Junior year. A local counselor is assigned to your school. They can aid with college, training after high school and in seeking employment. DRS helps people with disabilities establish and reach their vocational goals. The primary goal for all DRS clients is to become productive working citizens.

**Mountain State Center for Independent Living-** located in Beckley, they provide training to individuals with disabilities in how to advocate for their rights, learn to live independently and manage their own finances. They provide training in the person's home or at the center.

**REM - West Virginia** is a leading home and community-based health and human services provider. They offer innovative programs and services to youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and other complex challenges. Through a range of personalized supports, they empower the individuals and families they serve to learn, grow and thrive in the communities they call home. For individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, employment is vital to independence, empowerment and quality of life. "At REM West Virginia, we strive to build innovative programs that help individuals of all abilities acquire the skills they need to live and work in the communities they call home. We offer a range of pre-vocational services and training programs as well as ongoing support services to help individuals be successful in the jobs of their choice in their communities." Referred through WVDRS.

**ResCare** – located in Beckley. ResCare Workforce Services is the nation's leading and most comprehensive provider of services and solutions designed to help put people to work. Within this business, ResCare offers a combination of career center operations, Job Corps centers, schools, business services and family support functions and is the largest for-profit collection of workforce solutions in the U.S. ResCare is the largest private provider of services to people with disabilities, the largest privately-owned home care company, the largest provider of specialized high-acuity neuro-rehab in community settings and the largest career center workforce contractor in the U.S. Referral through WVDRS.

**Lillian James Learning Center** - Individual ages: 16 years old and older with developmental disabilities. Must be approved by Division of Rehabilitative Services. Referred through WVDRS.

**WV Mobile Technology Unit** – has state of the art computer technology as well as tools to assist students who may have difficulty using their arms/hands or have sensory (sight, hearing) disabilities. They also provide training to students who may be dyslexic and have difficulty reading. They are part of the WV Rehabilitation Center (WVDRS).

**Social Security Administration** - Assistance and information about government benefits including Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability (SSD) programs. Medicaid, CHIP and other health care services and resources. Website: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>

**Raleigh County Community Action**- The RCCAA utilizes federal grants and private donations to provide a group of programs aimed at helping the residents of Raleigh County WV attain economic and social self-sufficiency. Our programs include homelessness services, transportation services, housing programs, and programs aimed at achieving self-sufficiency. RCCAA also operates the Action Auto Repair shop in Beckley WV, which provides affordable vehicle repairs to Raleigh County residents – as well as job training, and discount auto repair to low income families.

**WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities**- located in Beckley, they assist individuals with disabilities who receive SSI or some form of Social Security to go to work or college without losing their benefits.

**Beckley Human Rights Commission**- The Beckley Human Rights Commission encourages mutual respect among all racial, religious, and ethnic groups within the City. The provision of equal opportunity in areas of employment, places of public accommodations (any establishment or person which offers its goods or services to the public), and housing is the public policy of the City of Beckley.

**FMRS Health Systems**- located in Beckley. This agency provides training and supportive employment options for adults with disabilities. They also have housing options for adults with disabilities. Regional Youth Service Center.

**WV Department of Health & Human Resources** – located in Beckley, they assist individuals and families with children with basic needs such as food and clothing allowance, medical services, as well as child care for young working parents. The eligibility is based on financial need.

**CHIPS- WV Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** - Free or low cost health plan for children from birth to age 19 in low income families. Insurance plan covers preventive care, immunizations, prescriptions, hospital visits, dental, vision and mental health services. Phone: 1-877-982-2447 (1-877-WVCHIP): [www.wvchip.org](http://www.wvchip.org)

**Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention**- This statewide initiative provides Pregnancy Prevention Specialists who work to increase public awareness of problems associated with early sexual activity and childbearing and collaborate with existing community organizations to promote local activities for adolescent pregnancy prevention.

**Women's Resource Center**- located in Glen White, they provide shelter, counseling, and educational supports for women who have been abused by boyfriends or spouses. They have valuable information for both sexes on topics such as date rape and the use of alcohol and drugs.

**WV Birth to Three program**- located in WVDHHR.; To be eligible for WV Birth to Three services, an infant or toddler under the age of three can either have a delay in one or more areas of their development, or be at risk of possibly having delays in the future. WV Birth to Three is a statewide system of services and supports for children under age three who have a delay in their

development, or may be at risk of having a delay, and their family. The Department of Health and Human Resources, through the Bureau for Public Health and the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, WV Birth to Three, as the lead agency for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), assures that family centered, community based services are available to all eligible children and families.

**WV Parent Training Information- (WV PTI)** is a non-profit organization that operates the statewide federally funded Parent Training Center for WV and is the Family Voices State Affiliate Organization for West Virginia. The programs and services of WVPTI are based on the concept of parents helping parents. WVPTI, Inc. is committed to empowering parents and families of children and youth with disabilities and special healthcare needs as advocates and partners in improving education, transition and healthcare outcomes for their children from birth to age 26.

**Job Corps-** a federal training program for individuals who have dropped out of high school or for students who have completed high school ages 16-24. They have an office at the WORK 4 WV Career Center on Grey Flats Rd. in Beckley. Located in Charleston, WV.

**Armed Forces Recruiters – (Army, Navy, Marines)** individuals must be 18 years of age, a high school graduate and pass the ASVAB test to qualify for the military.

**The WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP)** is a comprehensive public health program that helps uninsured or underinsured women gain access to breast and cervical cancer screening services. Screening and early detection reduces death rates, improves treatment options, and greatly increases survival. Located in Charleston, WV.

**The WV Autism Training Center, Marshall University** - College of Education and Human Services. Training, information and support for West Virginians with autism, their families, educators and others. Phone: (304) 696-2332 or (800) 344-5115 (WV only)  
Website: <http://www.marshall.edu/atc/>

**Brain Injury Association of West Virginia, Inc.** - State chartered organization dedicated to providing education, advocacy and support to persons with brain and spinal cord injuries and their families. Toll-free help line to provide information about support groups, case management, crisis services, health care and psychiatric services in West Virginia and nationwide. Phone: (304) 766-4892 Toll Free in WV - 1-800-356-6443 Website: <http://www.biausa.org/WVirenia/>

**WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** - Programs for children and youth who are deaf or hard of hearing. Information and referral, family support, educational services, interpreter services and telephonic communication device loan program. Phone: (304) 822-8565 or (877) 461-3578 Website: [www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh](http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh)

**West Virginia Assistive Technology System (WVATS)** - Information and referral, toll free hotline, funding, training and education about AT devices and services. Linkage to regional resource centers, lending libraries and tech teams to assist consumers and families. The WVATS

is a project funded by the US Department of Education and coordinated by the WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities. Phone: Voice and TDD - (304) 293-4692 or (800) 841-8436  
Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/wvats/>

**West Virginia Advocates, Inc.** - State designated protection and advocacy program for West Virginians with disabilities. WVA provides consultation and education services on human and legal rights. Phone: (304) 346-0847 (V/TTY) or 1-800- 950-5250  
Website: [www.wvadvocates.org](http://www.wvadvocates.org)