

Suggested Secondary Action Items

Middle School Action Items

Self-Advocacy: Include your child at parts of their ARD meetings. Help him/her become aware of their accommodations such as preferential seating, asking for clarification, etc.

Decrease the use of direct verbal prompting and encourage problem-solving by asking “What’s next?” or using environmental cues.

Situation	Direct Verbal Prompt	Problem Solving: Indirect verbal	Problem Solving: Environmental Cue
Dinner is over	Carry your dish to the counter	Where should your dish go?	Dinner is over what should you do next?
The trash can is full	Empty the trash can	The trash can is full, what do you need to do?	Point to the full trash can and say, “What should be done?” Eventually pointing to the trash can would become the prompt.

When teaching tasks, always begin with the direct verbal along with the environmental cue.

Independent Living: Have chores for your child, provide an allowance to understand how to use money. Participate in activities such as faith groups, scouts, playing an instrument. Provide your child with a key to use when coming in the home.

Life Long Planning: Contact Lifepath to place your child on the interest for Medicaid waivers. (See list of services). If you suspect that in the future your child may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income, it is important that he or she has less than \$2,000 in their name and Social Security number

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (*not* Social Security taxes and is considered welfare): It is designed to help aged, blind and people with disabilities who have little or no income and provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. A person who receives SSI also receives Medicaid

A person is considered disabled if they have a physical or mental condition (or combination of conditions) that keeps them from working. The conditions must be expected to last at least 12 months or result in death.

The waiting list for these services can be more than 15 years.