

# Transition To Adulthood (TAP)

### WHAT IS THE TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD PROGRAM (TAP)?

MassAbility contracts with ten Independent Living Centers (ILCs) to help students with disabilities prepare for the transition from special education to adulthood, regardless of their type of disability. Students receiving TAP services attend public, private, and residential schools throughout Massachusetts. Experienced skills trainers, who themselves have a disability, provide advocacy, skills training, and peer counseling to young people with disabilities in their school setting. Students learn skills and self-confidence to better prepare them for independence. Exposure to adult peer role models, as well as skills training, helps students learn how to take on the responsibilities of living independently in the community of their choice.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR TAP SERVICES?

Any individual who:

- is aged 14-22 and enrolled in special education, regardless of the type of disability
- · desires to learn independent living and self-advocacy skills

Please note: All Independent Living Centers serve people with disabilities of all ages; however, the TAP program is specialized to work with adolescents transitioning out of high school.

If a student is interested in receiving independent living skills training through the TAP while they are in school, please contact MassAbility's Independent Living Department: 617.204.3851.

### **QUESTIONS REGARDING TAP?**

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#### MASSACHUSETTS INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS

#### AdLib, Inc.

215 North Street Pittsfield, MA 01201 (413) 442-7047 | TTY (413) 442-7158

Fax: (413) 443-4338 www.adlibcil.org

#### **Boston Center for Independent Living**

60 Temple Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02111 (617) 338-6665 | TTY (617) 338-6662

Fax: (617) 338-6661 www.bostoncil.org

#### **Center for Living and Working**

18 Chestnut Street, Suite 540 Worcester, MA 01608 508-798-0350 voice | 508-755-1003 TTY

Fax: 508-797-4015 www.centerlw.org

#### Cape Organization for the Rights of the Disabled

106 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

(508) 775-8300 voice/TTY | 1-800-541-0282 voice/TTY

Fax: (508) 775-7022 www.cilcapecod.org

#### **Independence Associates**

100 Laurel St., Suite 122 East Bridgewater, MA 02333 (508) 583-2166 voice/TTY

Fax: (508) 583-2166 www.iacil.org

#### **MetroWest Center for Independent Living**

280 Irving Street Framingham, MA 01702 (508) 875-7853 voice/TTY Fax: (508) 875-8359

www.mwcil.org

#### **Northeast Independent Living Program**

20 Ballard Road Lawrence, MA 01843 (978) 687-4288 voice/TTY Fax: (987) 689-4488

www.nilp.org

#### **Southeast Center for Independent Living**

Merrill Building, 66 Troy St. Fall River, MA 02721 (508) 679-9210 voice/TTY Fax: (508) 677-2377

www.secil.org

#### **Stavros Center for Independent Living, Inc.**

210 Old Farm Road Amherst, MA 01002 (413) 256-0473 voice/TTY Fax (413) 256-0190 www.stavros.org

#### **Disability Resource Center**

27 Congress Street, Suite 107 Salem, MA 01970 (978) 741-0077 voice/TTY Fax: (978) 741-1133

www.disabilityrc.org/

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