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Early Intervention Years

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Connect with the SD Dept. of Education Birth to Three program to determine eligibility. Create an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Contact the South Dakota Birth to Three Program which provides in home, individualized supports and services.

Home and Community Service Programs

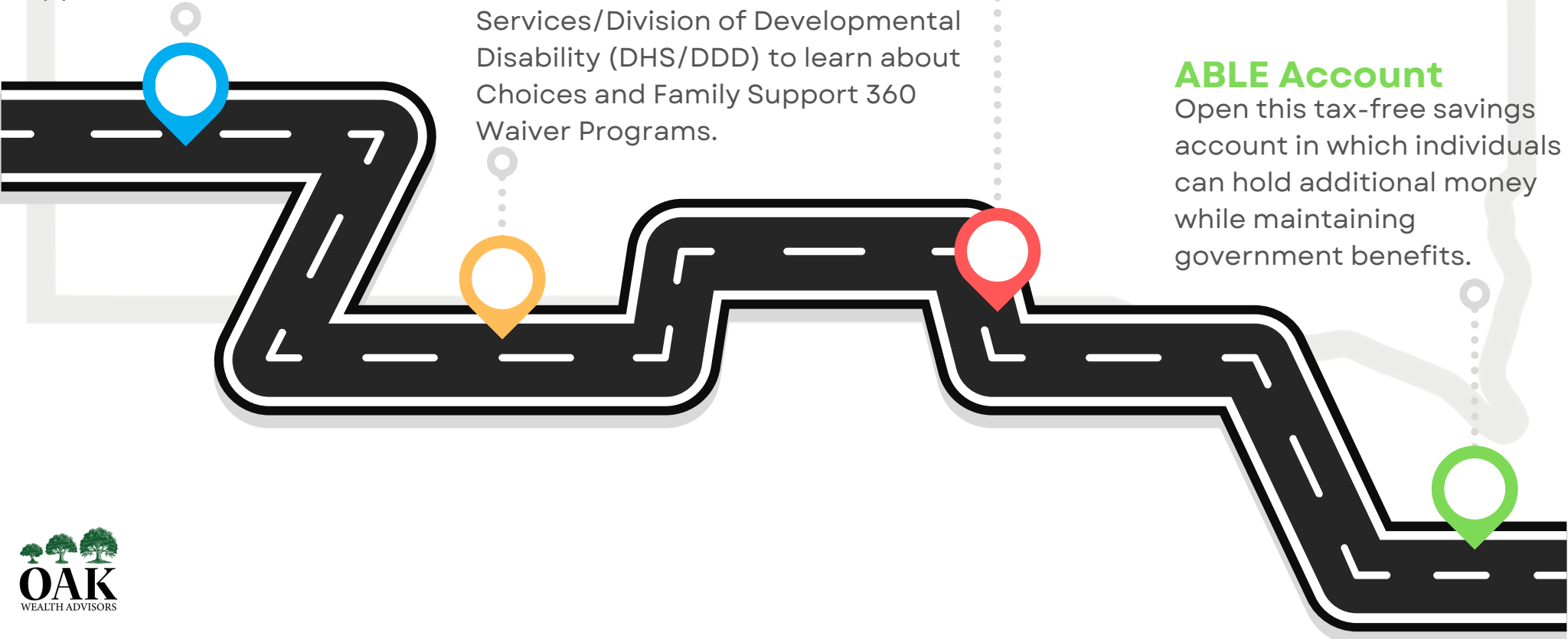
Contact the South Dakota Department of Human Services/Division of Developmental Disability (DHS/DDD) to learn about Choices and Family Support 360 Waiver Programs.

First Responders

Inform local police and fire department of the details of your child's disability will make it easier for emergency responders to be successful if they are needed.

ABLE Account

Open this tax-free savings account in which individuals can hold additional money while maintaining government benefits.



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Elementary School Years

Home and Community Service Programs

Coordinate with Developmental Disabilities Department (DDD) Dakota at Home Program, to determine eligibility for future services and supports.

Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Develop this legal document with your school district. It describes special education services for an individual with a disability between the ages of 3-22.

Special Needs Planning Attorneys

Consult with an estate planning attorney with expertise in special needs legal planning to assist with estate planning documents. Connect with either Academy of Special Needs Planners (ASNP) or Special Needs Alliance (SNA).

Care Guide (aka Letter of Intent)

Create this non-legal document to provide information for future caregivers. Update annually to reflect loved one's growth and changing interests and needs.

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Middle School Years

Home and Community Service Programs

Update your Community Service Provider to provide status updates to remain on the waiting list for services.

Self-Advocacy

Identify interests and strengths in school and the community. These results should be documented as part of their transition plan.

IEP Transition Plan

Plan for your child's transition from adolescence to adulthood. This is one of the most important things you can do to pave the way to a successful future.

Government Benefits

Review eligibility requirements for benefits such as Medicaid, Social Security, and Medicare.

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High School/Transition Years

Home and Community Service Programs

Update your Community Service Provider to provide a status updates and remain on waiting list for services

Transition Plan

Consider Post Secondary opportunities. Fully develop a transition plan and identify necessary adult services. Obtain a state ID card and register to vote, if applicable.

Guardianship, Powers of Attorney, and Support Decision-Making

Determine which form of support, if any, is appropriate for the child when they turn 18. Consider connecting with the LEAD Center.

Government Benefits

Connect with Social Security Administration (SSA) at age 18 to apply for benefits.

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Adult Years

Transition Plan

Ensure plan encompasses all areas of adult living including work, leisure, self-advocacy, residential and post secondary education.

Housing

Consider independence of individual, location, and financial impact of housing decision.

Adult Service Agencies

Explore adult service providers for employment, transportation, day programs and living options. Consider connecting with the South Dakota Parent Connection

Employment

Collaborate with transition team and South Dakota Dept. of Rehabilitation Services/Vocational Division to create an Individual Plan for Employment. Consider the non-financial benefits of employment.