



## MD Community of Practice for Supporting Families Webinar Series

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### Webinar 3 – May 27, 2020

### *Transition*



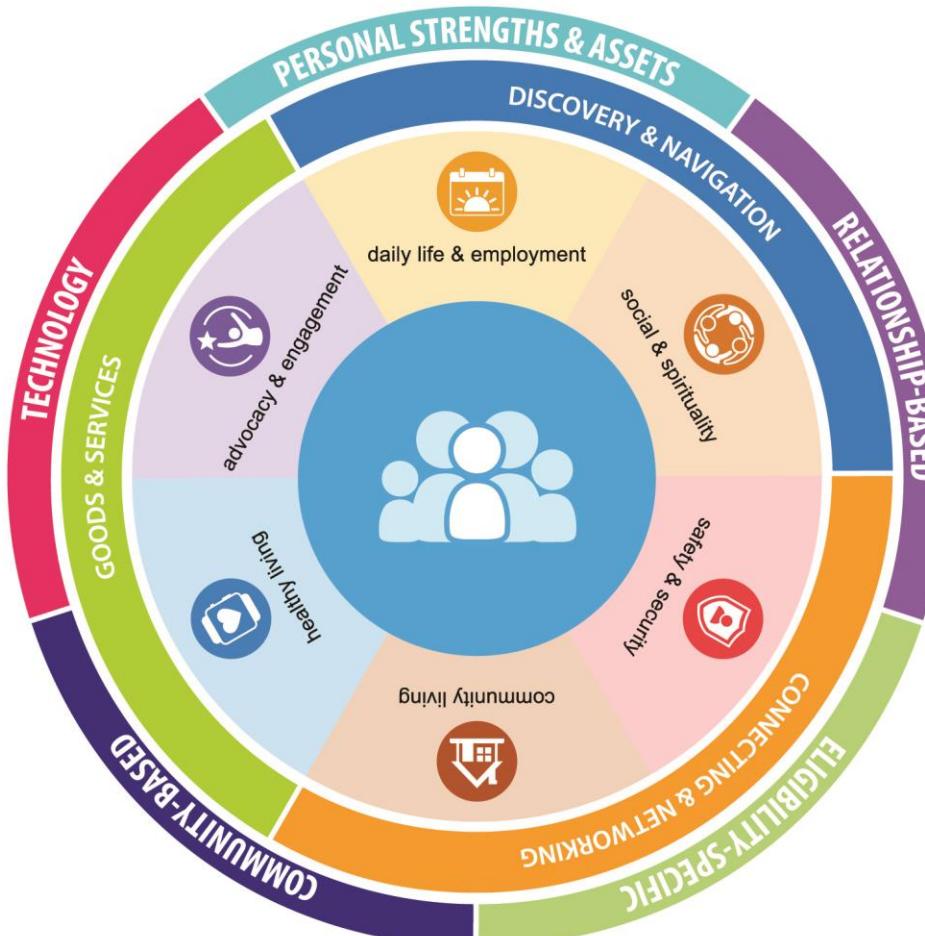
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*Director of Family Supports*

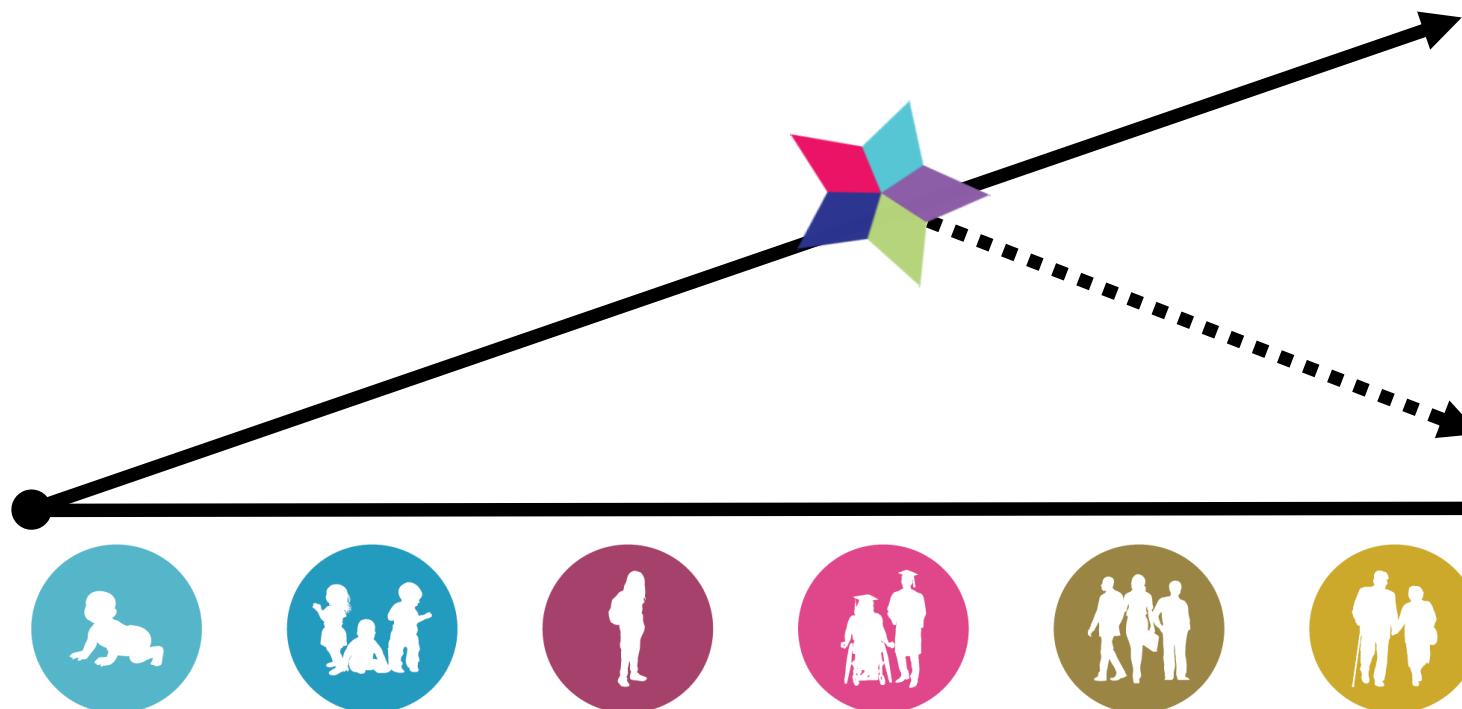


# CHARTING the LifeCourse





# The Trajectory & Life Stages



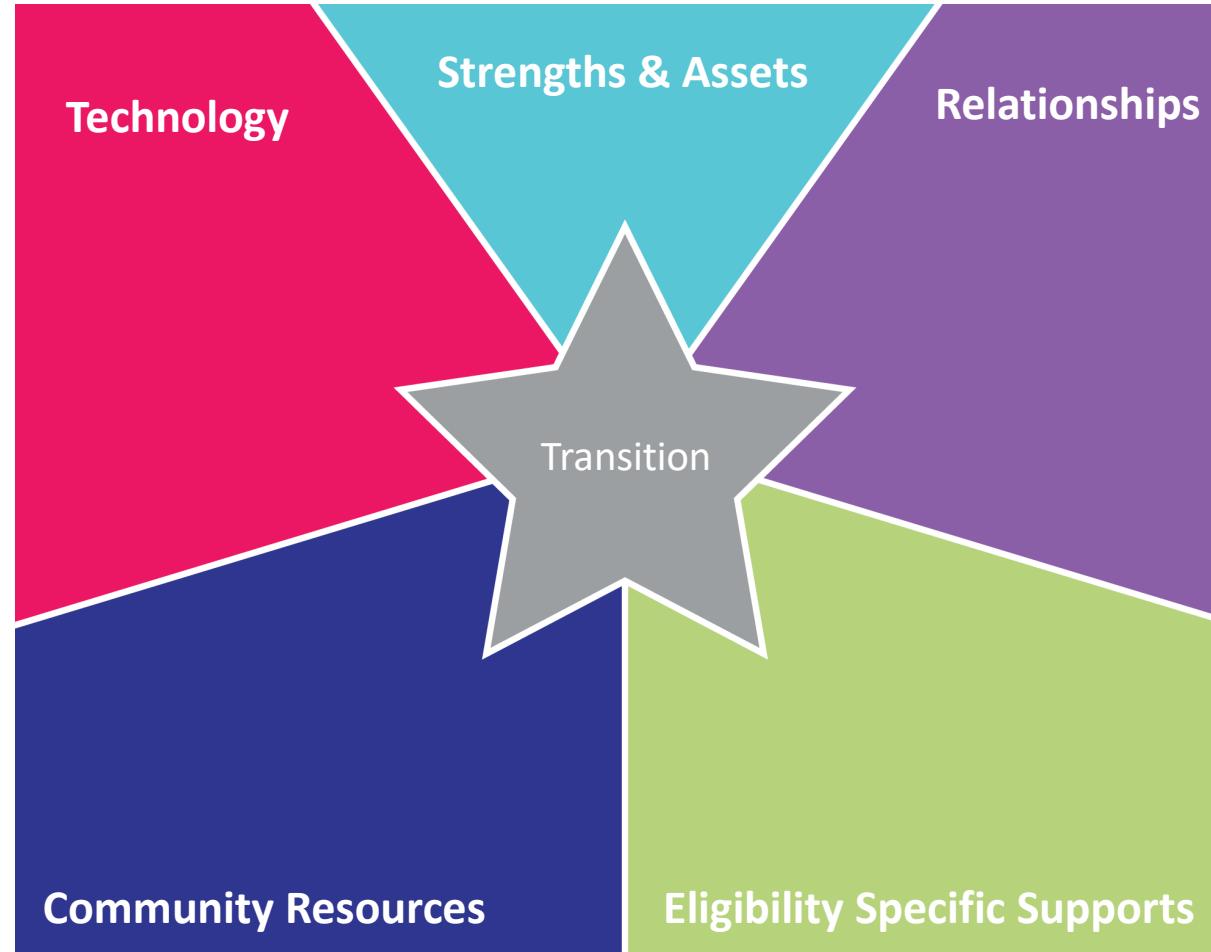
**What I want...**

“Good Life”

**What I don’t want...**



# The Integrated Support Star





## Kathleen Walker, DDA

*Acting Statewide Career and  
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## DDA Application Process

- Application – Includes information about age, disability or disabilities, Medical Assistance, etc.
- Supporting Documentation – Relevant professional assessments. Important to have the most recent psychological assessment with adaptive skills testing
- Review Process – Reviewed through the local Regional Office

*Application available online at:*

<https://dda.health.Maryland.gov/Pages/Apply%20for%20Services.aspx>



## DDA Regional Offices

Regional Office	Counties Served	Phone
Central Nicholas Burton, Director	Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford and Howard Counties	410.234.8200 TDD: 1.877.874.2494
Eastern Kim Gscheidel, Director	Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties	410.572.5920 TDD: 1.800.735.2258
Southern Onesta Duke, Acting Director	Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties	301.362.5100 TDD: 1.888.207.2479
Western Cathy Marshall, Director	Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett and Washington Counties	1.301.791.4670 TDD: 1.888.791.0193

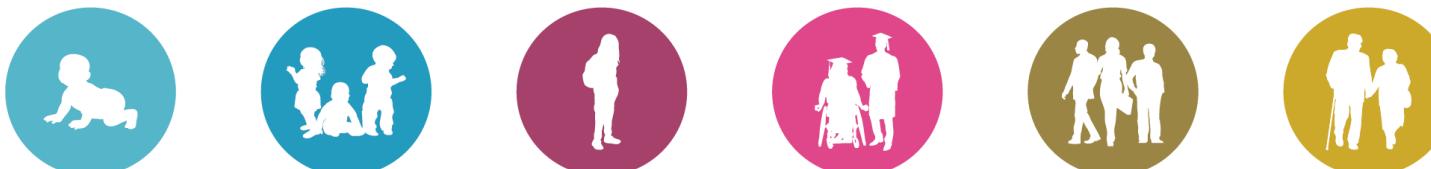
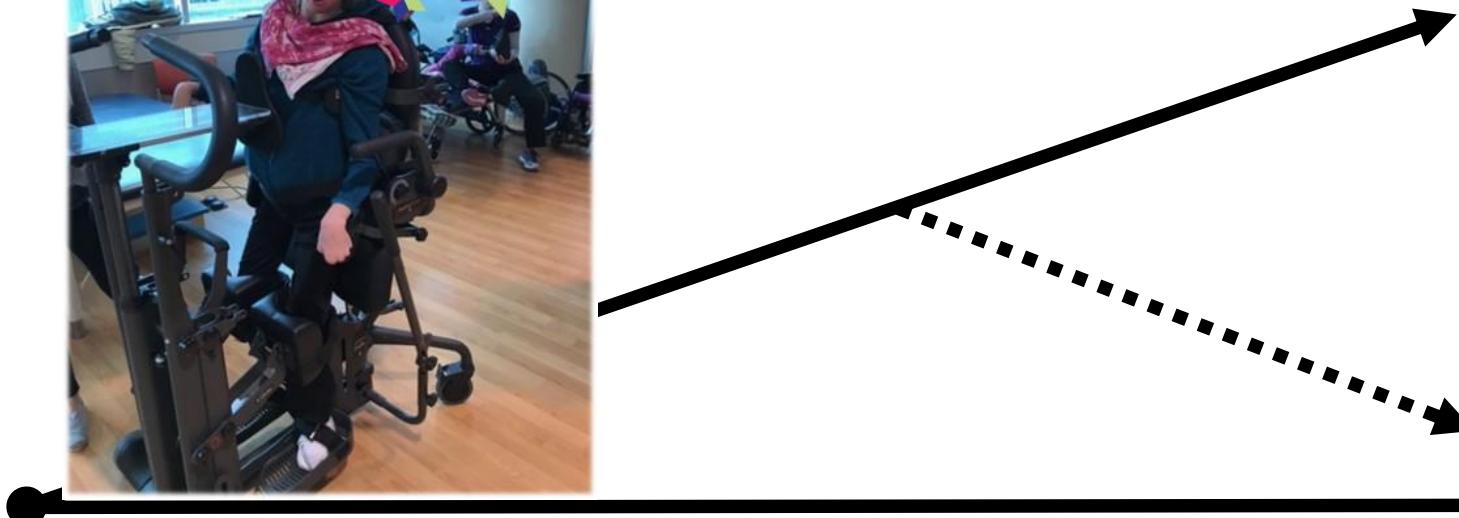


# Regional Transition Youth Leads & Eligibility Coordinators

Regional Office	Transition Youth Lead	Eligibility Coordinators
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# Maggie's "Good Life"



## What I want...

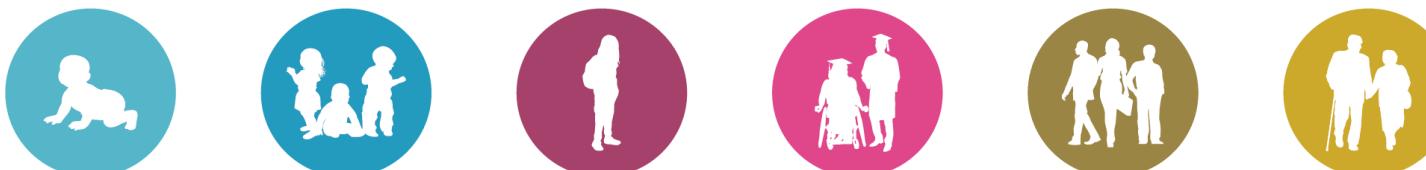
Connected, spend time w/ friends & family. Good staff, know my neighbors, hang out in my community, continue to communicate and learn, good health spend time outside - farm, walks, swim, listen to books on tape, have money, date, compete, train, volunteer, **have a job I like (adaptive tools) that is purposeful**, live in a home that feels like mine with a back/front porch, opportunities to do new things, and make new friends, have freedom, make choices about my life.

## What I don't want...

Isolated, without a voice, without relationships – family & friends, without opportunity, without purpose, without choice, without support



# Maggie's Vision for Employment



## What I want...

Current Iteration – Planting and growing an organic garden and selling produce at the local farmers market.

Public speaking – **assist Athletes**

**Serving Athletes in their presentations to attract new athletes, wingmen and raise money.**

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# Maggie's Challenges / ASA

## Communication

- Difficult to communicate in “real-time” spontaneously and provide authentic responses

## Staff

- Who will support her in getting to the event (transportation) and throughout



## Technology

iPad, computer, Microsoft Word, email,

## Strengths & Assets

Communicates – signs, vocalization, gestures, iPad, easygoing, happy, smart, trusting, caring, adventures fun, diverse interests, and willing

## Relationships

Family, Staff, ED of ASA

### Making Presentations/ASA

Community venues, schools, businesses, parks, trails

MA, equipment i.e. wheelchair, DDA - CDS, Staff, Transportation

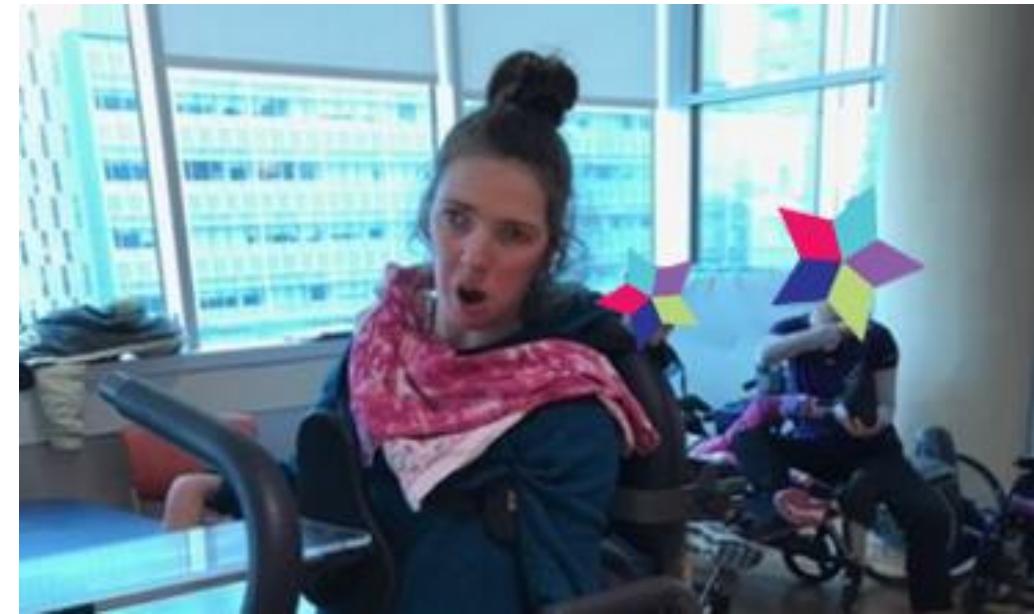
## Community Resources

## Eligibility Specific Supports



# Maggie's “Good Life”

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# Questions?

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Webinar – Chat /Question Box

Services & Supports – Contact DDA Local Regional Office

Appendix K – [dda.toolkitinfo@Maryland.gov](mailto:dda.toolkitinfo@Maryland.gov)



# Additional Resources for Transitioning Youth

## Technology

### MD Technology Assistance Program

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/mtap/Pages/MDTAP-Home.aspx>

### Connect Using

- ZOOM Call/Web Conferencing
- Google Hangouts
- Messenger
- Portal
- Facebook

### APSE Remote Supports -

<https://apse.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Remote-Supports-FAQ.pdf>

### Griffin Hammis Associates Resources on Transition, Technology, and Customized Employment

<https://www.griffinhammis.com/resources/past-webinars/>

## Community Based

### Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) Learning Tools

<https://www.lifecoursetools.com/learning-materials/>

### MD Public Libraries (check out online learning through local libraries)

- Online Library

### Contact Local Businesses through your Local Chamber of Commerce

- [https://mdchamber.org/resources\\_trashed/maryland-chamber-federation-2/](https://mdchamber.org/resources_trashed/maryland-chamber-federation-2/)

### MDOD Job Seeker Fact Sheet Library

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/employment/Pages/jfactsheets.aspx>

### Maryland ABLE Accounts

<https://mdtransitions.org/maryland-able-accounts/>

### MD ONESTOP <https://onestop.md.gov/>

### Think College Family Resources

<https://thinkcollege.net/family-resources>

## Eligibility Specific

- **MD Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)**  
<https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/TY.aspx>
- **Appendix K**  
[https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA\\_Appendix\\_K.aspx](https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA_Appendix_K.aspx)
- **MD Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)**  
[dors.Maryland.gov](https://dors.Maryland.gov)
- **MD Department of Disabilities**  
<http://mdod.maryland.gov/>
- **Social Security Administration**  
<https://www.ssa.gov/>
- **National Collaborative on Workforce + Disability** <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>
- **School to Work**  
<https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Developments/2015/School%20to%20Work1.pdf>
- **Parent's Place Maryland**  
[https://www.ppm.org/resource\\_category/transition](https://www.ppm.org/resource_category/transition)
- **Ticket to Work** <https://www.ticket2workmd.org/>
- **MD Benefits Counseling**  
<https://www.mdbenefitscounseling.org/>



## Thank You for Joining Us!

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**We Hope You Join Us on June 10th**  
for Our Next Webinar:  
*Q&A with DDA*