

## **Record Keeping:**

**Below is a list of records that are helpful in the Transition Process**

### **Legal Records:**

1. Social Security Cards
2. Birth Certificate
3. Guardianship /Power of Attorney
4. State ID Card or Driver's License

### **Financial Records**

1. Bank Accounts, Insurance Policies, Information about other financial resources
2. Pay Slips, tax returns, information regarding student income
3. Parent income Tax Return Statements
4. Information about parents income /resources
5. Current Social Security award letter

### **Medical Records:**

1. Medical/Clinical Information
2. Names and addresses of current Doctors
3. List of current medications
4. List of social services providing support
5. Health insurance information with policy numbers/cards
6. Name and contact information for emergency contacts

## **Social Security:**

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not SS taxes). It is designed to assist aged, blind and disabled persons who have little or no income. SSI provides cash assistance to meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter and can be a financial support as you prepare to enter the work force.

Basic requirements for SSI include:

1. Age 65 or older, blind or disabled: Citizen or National of the US or an alien who meets the applicable requirements; Have financial need (income and resources within specified limits); and have filed an application.
2. Definition of a Disability: Applicants must have a physical or mental condition that very seriously limit his/her activities; the individual must not be substantially gainfully employed. Conditions must have lasted or be expected to last at least one year or result in death.

## **Very Important Information:**

At age 18, if you already receive SSI or a Childhood Disability benefit you must be re-determined following adult disability guidelines upon reaching the age of 18. Also, periodic medical reviews are conducted for anyone who receives SSI payments based on a disability. Many students receiving Special Education Services are eligible for SSI. Parental income is not considered in the application process after the age of 18. If parental income has disqualified you prior to age 18 an application based solely on your income may be submitted one month prior to your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.