

Your Child's Return Home

From Juvenile Detention to School and Community

Do you need help as your child exits the juvenile justice system and returns to your local school? Does your child struggle with schoolwork? Do they need a 504 plan or an Individualized Education Program (IEP)?

While in Juvenile Justice placement your child was involved in an academic program. That program followed all state and federal guidelines. As your child is discharged, they will likely return to public school. It is important to make their re-entry into school as smooth as possible. We are here to help.

Resources:

A Parent Center helps parents and families navigate the special education process. Contact [Parent Center](#) to find support and learn about options for your child. You do NOT need to face this time alone. We are available to help!

Family Guide to Getting Involved in Your Child's Education at a Juvenile Justice Facility. This valuable document not only addresses education while your child is incarcerated but pages 16-19 have valuable information for preparing your child to return home and to a community school.

Youth with Disabilities in Juvenile Corrections (Part 2): Transition and Reentry to School and Community. Part 2 in this series of learning modules discusses planning for your child's return home and why it's important. You will find helpful definitions, areas to be addressed such as education, employment, and living arrangements, a teacher toolkit to share with your child's teacher for success, and many more resources.

“ I cannot say enough about the way that [Parent Center](#) helped our family. After our son was released from the department of corrections, it seemed like a never-ending period of worrying about how or if he would finish high school. We were referred to {our parent center}, and it is beyond helpful to have someone to help us as we work through the tough battle. The process of getting a plan in place for our son was very overwhelming. [Parent Center](#) taught us about student rights and what a free and appropriate public education should be for our son. Their help with communicating with the school administration was extremely helpful to us.”

- Quote from parent

Things to remember:

- Your child has a right to re-enter school.
- If they have a disability, they have a right to needed accommodations under Section 504.
- If their disability makes them eligible for an IEP, they have a right to accommodations or modifications based on their individual needs (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).

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