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Sincerely,

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Dear Jordan,

Congratulations on developing an excellent strategic plan. One area that deserves focus which is missing is working with local education agencies to smooth the transition from school-based services to adult services. Age out is so narrowly defined that it only helps a small number of youths. What is needed is a seamless transition from the school-based transition services into the services provided by DDS for those students eligible. Indeed, many local schools are doing exactly what DDS is doing in finding and developing community employment opportunities. This work should be coordinated primarily to help eligible youths, but also to save on scarce resources.



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