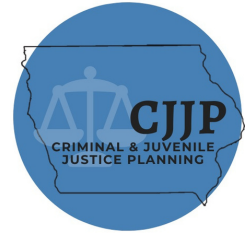




JUVENILE RE-ENTRY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM OVERVIEW



In partnership with the Iowa Department of Education Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Iowa's Juvenile Re-Entry Taskforce, the Iowa Department of Human Rights Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning is pleased to announce the launch of 3 Juvenile Re-Entry Navigator positions. The aim of these positions is to reduce recidivism among youth involved with the juvenile justice system who are returning to their community from an out-of-home placement. The Re-Entry Navigators will assist youth in developing and achieving vocational goals and coordinate services and supports with other stakeholders relevant to each youth's success.

ELIGIBILITY

The Navigators will provide services to youth with disabilities (have an IEP or covered under the provisions of section 504) who are:

- Involved with the juvenile justice system
- Receiving services in an out of home placement (QRTP or State Training School)
- Eligible and actively receiving vocational rehabilitation services or Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) as a Potentially Eligible (PE) student with disabilities.

SERVICE AREAS

The Navigators will work in partnership with Juvenile Court Services and be located across the state in the following locations:

- District 5 Juvenile Court Services, Des Moines (with collaborative support from BoysTown Iowa)
- Four Oaks Family and Children's Services, Cedar Rapids (District 6)
- Boy's State Training School, Eldora.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Cultivate career pathways & supports **Promote financial independence** **Improve transition & community integration**

Juvenile Re-Entry Navigators will:

- Develop and conduct Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) including job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on opportunities, workplace readiness training, and self-advocacy instruction.
- Work in partnership with youth, families, and other service providers to implement an individualized transition plan focused on employment, education, safe housing, and community supports.
- Develop partnerships with employers and businesses to provide youth with employment opportunities.
- Maintain follow-along connections with youth for ongoing guidance and support in the community which includes assessment and referral to adult IVRS and other community based services.