

CHAPTER 2

Section 2.11.1. Special Education-to-Community Transition Planning Overview

The Michigan Mental Health Code has a number of statutes regarding the responsibility CMHSPs have for working collaboratively with the community to assist in the transition of youth into adult life:

The Michigan Mental Health Code requires: "Each community mental health service program shall participate in the development of school-to-community transition services for individuals with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, or developmental disability. This planning and development shall be done in conjunction with the individual's local school district or intermediate school district as appropriate and shall begin not later than the school year in which the individual student reaches 16 years of age. These services shall be individualized. This section is not intended to increase or decrease the fiscal responsibility of school districts, community mental health services programs, or any other agency or organization with respect to individuals described in this section." MI Mental Health Code 330.1227, Sec 227

The MDCH technical requirement, effective for NorthCare in FY03, outlines the expectations of how the CMHSPs will share the responsibility to assist consumers and their families in creating a meaningful life beyond the structure provided by the school system.