## **Independent Living Assessment**

Directions: Please read each statement carefully. Make a check in the "Yes" column if the statement is true for you. Make a check in the "No" column if the statement is not true for you. You do not have to check "yes" for every item before you are ready to live on your own. But these things are important to think about and decide what will work for you.

Understanding My Disability	Yes	No
<ol> <li>I know about my disability and the words used to describe it.</li> <li>I can explain my disability to others if I need to.</li> <li>I know when I need to tell about my disability and when I do not.</li> <li>I know how to ask for the accommodations I need.</li> </ol>		
<ol> <li>Life Skills</li> <li>I do my own laundry.</li> <li>I do my own cooking.</li> <li>I do housekeeping chores.</li> <li>I schedule my own appointments for the doctor/dentist.</li> <li>I use a calendar to organize my personal or school responsibilities.</li> </ol>	Yes	No
<ol> <li>I use the telephone, internet, or other assistive technology device to get information I need.</li> </ol>		
<ul><li>7. I manage my own personal care.</li><li>8. I have a plan for eating well and getting exercise.</li></ul>		
Financial/Economic	Yes	No
<ol> <li>I have a checking or savings account.</li> <li>I have/use an ATM card.</li> <li>I use a budget to plan my finances/expenses.</li> <li>I currently pay taxes.</li> <li>I pay for car insurance.</li> <li>I currently get funds from social security.</li> <li>I currently get a weekly/monthly paycheck.</li> </ol>		
Career/Employment	Yes	No
<ol> <li>I know the job/career field I will enter after high school/college.</li> <li>I am currently employed in a part-time job.</li> <li>I am currently employed in a full-time job.</li> <li>I plan on joining the military after high school.</li> <li>I know what kind of training I need to do the job I want.</li> <li>I know how to contact possible employers about a job.</li> <li>I know how to fill out a job application.</li> <li>I feel comfortable doing a job interview on my own.</li> </ol>		

Training/Education	Yes	No
<ol> <li>I plan on attending a four year college after high school.</li> <li>I plan on enrolling in a technical school after high school.</li> <li>I plan on enrolling in a vocational training program.</li> <li>I am currently enrolled in a training program.</li> <li>I am participating in an apprenticeship program.</li> <li>I am undecided about my education/training after high school.</li> <li>I am currently participating in an apprenticeship program.</li> <li>Other</li> </ol>		
Transportation	Yes	No
<ol> <li>I have taken or am enrolled in Driver's Education or Training.</li> <li>I have my driver's license.</li> <li>I own my own car.</li> <li>I use my parent's car for transportation.</li> <li>I use the public bus system.</li> <li>I use a bicycle for transportation.</li> <li>I currently depend on friends for rides.</li> <li>Other</li> </ol>		
Housing	Yes	No
<ol> <li>I currently live with my parent or guardian.</li> <li>I rent a room in a house.</li> <li>I live in my own apartment / with roommates.</li> <li>Other</li> </ol>		
Recreation/Leisure	Yes	No
<ol> <li>I am part of one or more school clubs.</li> <li>I am on one or more sports teams.</li> <li>I belong to one or more social or recreational groups.</li> <li>I am active in community sponsored activities.</li> <li>I have one or more hobbies.</li> <li>I spend time doing things with one or more friends.</li> <li>I am involved in volunteer activities.</li> <li>Other</li> </ol>		
Community Resources	Yes	No
<ol> <li>I am currently using services provided by community agencies:         (developmental disability agency, independent living center,         vocational rehabilitation)</li> <li>I use the public library regularly.</li> <li>I go to the local YMCA or a parks and recreation program.</li> <li>I don't know what community resources are available.</li> </ol>		
5. Other		

## Check the topics you would like to learn more about: Finances/Money

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	Counting money and change Opening and using a checking or savings account Balancing a checkbook Making a budget for your money Using a debit card to get cash Using a credit card to buy things	
Health/Life Skills/Transportation		
	Health insurance/ways to pay for medical and dental care Finding a doctor Learning how to drive a car Using the bus or other public transportation How to apply for adult services	
Education and Training		
	Applying for college or other training programs How to find money for college or other training Who to contact to help find training	
Housing		
	Housing options in my community Paying for rent and utilities Finding roommates	
Cor	mmunity Resources	
	Resources and services in my community	