

8. Other Transitions

While the transition from childhood to adulthood occurs only once in each person's life, each person is likely to face many other transitions in their life.

A person may start a new job, go to college, get married, get divorced, move to a new community, mourn the death of a parent or friend, or experience any number of new situations.

The transitions associated with the many other possible life events can be very significant for individuals who have a developmental disability and may also require careful planning to ensure that the individual can move through them.

The Personal Supports Team of the PDD Central Region Community Board has developed the *Transition Planning Protocol Resource Book* that can be used in other types of transition that your child may face.

This resource booklet is available from on the Best Practices section of the PDD Central Region Community Board website at <http://www.pdd.org/Central/resources/bestpractices.shtml> or by contacting the Personal Supports Team at (403) 340-7777.

It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself
Joyce Maynard