**Turning 18 Checklist**

**1. Make an appointment with ARC of Oakland: Thomas Kendziorski or Katie Winkler** [**http://thearcoakland.org**](http://thearcoakland.org) **$55 annual membership fee allows you access**

 Go over turning 18 specific to your son/daughter

 Most families make another appointment for paperwork on the following:

 Living Will

 Will

 Special Needs Trust

 Guardianship-Power of attorney

**2. Go to Secretary of State and get a state ID (must be 18 years old)**

Two forms of personal identification

 (takes two weeks to get card in mail)

**3. Go to bank and open account (need state ID to set up wait until you get in mail)**

 Never go over $2000

 Eventually set up automatic transfer for rent/gas to your account

**4. Call Social Security Administration Office to make an appointment to apply for SSI for your son/daughter: (Pontiac office 1-800-772-1213)**

 Bring everything you have such as:

 Last 3 year evaluation

 IEP

 State ID

 Birth Certificate

 Any doctor evaluations/psychological

 Deposit slip from son/daughter’s bank account (DO not have over $2000 in account)

They will ask your son/daughter their living arrangements you should charge rent around $350 is typical rent charge.

\*you may get approved on the spot or they may have your son/daughter go for psychological evaluation

*When you get approved for SSI Medicaid health insurance will automatically kick in. Paperwork will be sent in the mail to you and your son/daughter to pick a plan. Plans should be looked at and chosen on location of doctors/lifestyle. You can have dual health care plans. Eventually paperwork and a Bridge card, charged up with money, for use on groceries will come in the mail as well.*

**5. Common Ground (1-800-231-1127)**

Will assist with connection to Macomb Oakland Regional Center (MORC) or Community Living Services (CLS)