FloridaHATS is a collaborative program of the Florida Department of Health, Children’s Medical Services, the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc., and other partners throughout the state.

Our goal is to ensure all youth and young adults, including those with disabilities or chronic conditions, successfully transition from pediatric to adult-oriented systems of health care.

We’re committed to empowering and supporting young people with special health care needs as they enter every aspect of adult life, including health care, work and independent living.

We value youth and family involvement in decision making at all levels.

Who We Are

What We Do

We provide leadership in bringing together consumers and providers from pediatric and adult service systems to address the complex issues associated with health care transition.

Insurance & Financing
Because obtaining and maintaining health insurance is a major problem for many youth with disabilities or chronic health conditions as they leave high school, we strive to improve financing options.

Education & Training
Our web site is a portal for educational materials that empower young people to better manage their medical conditions, and increase the capacity of providers to deliver high quality care.

Service Delivery Systems
We work with communities to develop service networks that span pediatric and adult systems, and to create model programs such as the nationally recognized JaxHATS program in Jacksonville.

Advocacy
We collaborate with organizations throughout the state and nation to develop policies that support young people in their transition to adult life.

Young people who don’t receive age-appropriate and preventive care are more likely to experience disease complications, increased emergency room visits and hospitalizations, as well as development of secondary disabling conditions – all factors that impact quality of life and ability to work.

How We Can Help You!

Visit our Tool Box at www.FloridaHATS.org for these resources and more. Many of our materials also are available in Spanish and Creole.

Health Services Directory for Young Adults
A web-based directory of services for adults with disabilities or chronic health conditions that is searchable by location and type of service.

Just the Facts: The 411 on Health Insurance for Young Adults Ages 18-30 in Florida
A guide to help all young adults in Florida identify, access, and maintain health insurance coverage that meets their needs.

Health Care Transition Training for Professionals
Online course for FREE CME/CEU credits!

Talking With Your Doctor And Other Healthcare Professionals
This video teaches teens how to communicate effectively with health care providers.

Health Care Transition Guides and Planning Workbooks
Three age-specific versions contain information and activities to help young people take a more active role in managing their health care.

Visit www.FloridaHATS.org