**Finding Funding for an Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Program (IPSE)**

* **Create a savings plan of some sort as early as possible as all financial aid is needs-based and you may still be responsible to cover part of your child’s expenses**
* **Make certain that your child is applying to an approved Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP)**
* **Make certain that your child is a client of Vocational Rehabilitation prior to applying to an IPSE program**
* **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
	+ **In order to receive Federal Financial aid, student must:**
		- **Have exited high school**
		- **Have an Intellectual Disability as defined by the Higher Education Opportunity Act**
		- **Must be attending an approved Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP)**
	+ **Once you receive your financial aid report, speak with the IPSE program director to understand other types of aid that might be available**
	+ **Financial aid should be used as one piece of a larger system**
* **Ask the IPSE program director if that program offers scholarship support**
* **Ask the student’s high school counselor if they know of any scholarships that are available for your child.**
* **Seek out scholarships from private organizations such as Ruby’s Rainbow for students with Down Syndrome, your church, civic organizations, etc.**
* **Other funding sources may include vocational rehabilitation funding, resources from adult service agencies, Medicaid funding, and other funding sources that support positive outcomes for students with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities.**