

Entry to the Cooper Home Program

Your student...

- Must be between the ages of 18–21.
- Is currently receiving services through the Integrated Services Program at Poudre School District.
- Has “Transition Needs” identified on their IEP (Individualized Education Plan).
- Is interested in interacting within the community
- Has earned high school credits required for graduation before entering the program.

Cooper Home students ...

- Are eligible for transportation to and from Cooper Home through PSD Transportation Services.
- Attend the program 2½ days each week, but may vary depending on student needs.
- Pay \$25 for a bus pass and \$5 for a Parks & Recreation pass. In addition, incidental money is needed for recreation and leisure activities.
- Upon completion of the program, receive a Certificate of Completion or a PSD Graduation diploma if graduation requirements have been met.

Helping your student...

In order to facilitate transition, we recommend that your student have the following:

- State ID
- Bus pass
- Cell phone
- Watch
- Wallet or purse
- Planner
- Résumé

Cooper Home Partners

Able Women’s Closet
ARC
The Animal House
ATA Family Martial Arts/Taekwondo
Colorado State University—*Nutrition Center, Occupational Therapy, Mail Room, and Gardens*
DVR
Foothills Gateway
Fort Collins Parks & Recreation—including *EPIC, Northside and Senior Center*
Habitat for Humanity
HELP International
HUD Housing
Larimer County Food Bank
PETCO
Poudre River Libraries
Poudre School District—*Elementary Schools; Custodial and Nutritional Services*
Red Robin
Taco Bell
Terracon



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Cooper Home

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**Poudre School District
Transition Program**

**For young adults
ages 18–21 years**



Cooper Home



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transition Services

Students in the Cooper Home program transition into their next phase of life by gradually increasing responsibility in order to gain independence. *Services students receive include:*

- Job coaching
- Training in work-related skills
- Planning menus, grocery shopping and cooking
- Riding public transportation
- Developing organizational skills, including keeping a weekly schedule

Cooper Home Program Goals

Students will:

- Practice daily life skills
- Build social skills
- Become more mobile in the community
- Demonstrate community safety skills
- Access community resources
- Investigate employment opportunities
- Demonstrate self-advocacy
- Access leisure and recreation activities

Job Skills & Employment Opportunities

Students learn skills through participating in a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the community. Volunteer opportunities include Poudre River Libraries, Habitat for Humanity, the Food Bank, HELP International, Animal House, etc.



In addition, internships are available at Colorado State University including the mail room and gardens, and through local businesses including PETCO, ARC, Red Robin, Terracon, Taco Bell, etc.

Leisure & Recreation

Students participate in adaptive recreation activities throughout the community including Fort Collins Parks & Recreation, EPIC and Northside Aztlan Center, and are exposed to Taekwondo through a local Martial Arts Center.



In addition to physical activities, students attend *Open Stage* performances at the Lincoln Center and attend monthly evening activities.

Graduation & Ceremonies

Upon completion of the Cooper Home Program, students who have met PSD graduation requirements while at high school will receive a PSD Graduation Diploma through their school.

Also upon program completion, students have the opportunity to celebrate their transition through a *Send-Off Graduation* from Cooper Home.



Community Services

Students have access to many resources: Colorado State University Nutrition Center, CSU Occupational Therapy Department, the Foodbank, the Women's Closet, ARC and many more!



Transition is a process of gradually increasing responsibility to gain independence!

