

2014-2015 Community of Practice Webinar Series

Making Transition Happen: Dream, Believe, Achieve



This webinar series, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Community on Transition, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network, will examine current effective practices in Secondary Transition for students with disabilities. The series of nine topics will address and connect several elements of effective transition planning, all of which contribute to students reaching their post-secondary goals.

Employment Options 1: Transition and Employment Services for Youth with Disabilities

October 22, 2014 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

A wide array of services exists to assist youth with disabilities and their families make the transition from school-to-work. Regardless of individual circumstances, youth and young adults with disabilities can benefit from a multitude of services that are customized to their specific strengths, abilities, interests and needs including: Career Exploration, Career Assessment, Community Based Work Assessment, Job Shadowing, Assistive Technology Evaluation and Training, Soft Skills/Job Readiness Training, On-the-Job Training, Supported Employment, Post-Secondary Education and Vocational Training. This session will address these topics as well as discuss the following program models utilized by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) throughout Pennsylvania: Early Reach, Project Promoting Academic Success (PAS), Jobs for ALL OJT Project, Project SEARCH, and the Employment How to Guide.

Registration Link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/355076930>

Employment Options 2: Transition and Employment Services for Youth with Intellectual Disabilities

November 19, 2014 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) in collaboration with its partner agencies has developed a number of innovative projects to increase and improve post-secondary outcomes for youth and young adults with intellectual disabilities. Agency collaboration, service coordination and braided funding have emerged as “promising practices” in several new service models. Learn about the Berks CTC - OVR Work Partners Project, Greene County ID Transition Project, Dream Partnership/ACES grant, Discovery/Customized Employment Pilot, and the continued expansion of Project SEARCH and the Jobs for All OJT program.

Registration Link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/363910930>

Transition Tools of Engagement for Families and Caregivers

December 10, 2014 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

Families and caregivers are crucial partners in assisting youth in transitioning from high school to adult life. This session will present information regarding effective practices and resources to enhance family and caregiver engagement in the transition process. Included in this presentation is information regarding the Pennsylvania Secondary Transition Checklist developed in collaboration with the United Way of Allegheny Counties 21 and Able project.

Registration Link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/407196186>

Effective Practices in Transition for Youth and Young Adults with Behavioral Health Needs

January 21, 2015 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

This session will focus on understanding and clarifying the behavioral health needs of transition age youth and young adults. A focus will include the available mental health resources in the community and how to match the needs of the youth with the adult services to enhance postsecondary outcomes.

Registration Link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/425637146>

Career and Technical Education and Special Education - A Partnership for Success

January 28, 2015 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

Career and technical education (CTE) in Pennsylvania is focused on preparing young people with the academic foundation, career direction, and workplace skills that will help them succeed personally, and contribute to an innovative and competitive economy in our commonwealth. For a student with an IEP, enrolling in a career and technical education program may be an appropriate option to consider during the secondary transition process. This session will present information regarding how to best support youth with disabilities to fully engage in career and technical education programs that can lead to successful opportunities in adult life, including higher education, training and/or employment.

Registration Link:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/448973970>



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Tools of Engagement for Inclusive Education, Employment and Community Living Outcomes

March 4, 2015 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

Research shows that inclusion in general education classes and community based activities is one of the predictors of improved post-school outcomes for youth and young adults with disabilities. IDEA and Chapter 14 require an individualized, assessment-based approach to secondary transition while the student is in high school. It is important that educators, agency staff, and service providers afford both rigorous, standards-aligned courses and community-based instructional experiences related to post-secondary education, employment and independent living. This session will examine effective practice, strategies, and procedures that address the individual needs of all youth and young adults transitioning to adult life.

Registration Link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/474724050>

Transition Tools of Engagement for Youth and Young Adults

March 18, 2015 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

Self-determination and self-advocacy are keys to youth and young adults success as they transition from high school to adult life. This session, presented in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network (PYLN) and the Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL), will provide information regarding resources and strategies to enhance active youth engagement.

Registration Link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/488836882>

Transportation Resources and Strategies

April 1, 2015 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

As youth and young adults prepare to transition into post-secondary education/training, employment, and independent living opportunities, a critical aspect to maintaining success is having the knowledge and skills to safely and efficiently travel to-and-from a variety of end destinations. Direct and explicit instruction regarding transportation options to access one's community is provided through travel instruction. This session will provide a broad overview of the established competencies to support the travel instructors' service and instruction during community-based lessons as well as identify additional community transportation resources.

Registration Link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/501232858>

Local Transition Coordinating Councils – Effective Practices and Engagement

April 15, 2015 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

There are over fifty Local Transition Coordinating Councils (LTCCs) located throughout Pennsylvania that provide trainings, resources, and supports to youth, families, and professionals involved in the secondary transition process. This session will provide information regarding our state's LTCCs' projects, products, and activities. This presentation will also feature strategies regarding how to strengthen your LTCC's efforts.

Registration Link: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/507399930>

Presenters: PaTTAN Educational Consultants

Audience:

Stakeholders supporting post-school outcomes for youth and young adults with disabilities, including: Advocates; Agency Administrators; Assistive Technology Professionals; Business/Employers; Career & Technology Educators; CareerLink Staff; Direct Support Providers; Drug & Alcohol Program Workers; Education Administrators; Family & Caregivers; Family Health Representatives; Foster and Adoptive Parents; Guidance Counselors; Health Professionals; Higher Education Professionals; Independent Living Staff; Juvenile Justice Affiliates; Job Coaches; Local Government Officials; Local Service Providers; Local Youth Councils; Medical Assistance Program Staff; Mental Health Services Workers; Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Speech/Language Therapists; Office of Developmental Programs Staff; Paraprofessionals; Partnerships for Youth Affiliates & Staff; Psychologists; Public & Private Child Welfare Workers; School Nurses; Secondary Educators; Social Security Benefits Counselors and Staff; Social Workers; Special Educators; Transition Coordinators; Transportation Affiliates; Vocational Evaluators; Vocational Rehabilitation Staff; Workforce Investment Board Members; Youth & Young Adults; Youth Served in Foster Care

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