

Parent Involvement Activities For Transition

√	Activity Type	Examples
	1. Parenting Workshops	School offers speakers on how to parent an adolescent with disabilities during transition years.
	2. Events	Parents and families attend programs where students with disabilities discuss their future with younger students
	3. Decisions	Schools work with parents in helping students to practice making decisions and self-advocacy skills
	4. Learning at home	Teachers and parents discuss how the student learns best so they can practice good learning habits in school and home
	5. Parents helping parents	Experienced parents mentor parents just beginning the transition process
	6. Transition workshops	School offers speakers on variety of transition topics
	7. Newsletter for parents	Schools send home transition newsletter to parents on a regular basis
	8. Community links	School use parents as volunteers to help find community opportunities for students with disabilities
	9. Parent partners	Parents serve on advisory boards, making decisions about program development and improvement
	10. Informal family events	Parents come to informal social events that build communication and relationships with school staff
	11. Case manager	School provides staff to offer explanations and guide parents through the transition planning process
	12. Web site	A school or district develops web site with transition information specifically for parents
	13. Field trips	School plans trips for families to adult service providers and community agencies
	14. Daily activity book	Student carries a calendar/planner/assignment book from school to home daily so parents and teachers can communicate about support needs
	15. Volunteers	Parents and family members are encouraged to volunteer in school or school-related activities
	16. Family questionnaire	Parents and family members complete surveys to provide information about student's current performance and dreams for the future
	17. Family learning experiences	Class assignments that are completed at home with the family members supporting the student (e.g., interview 3 people about their job).
	18. Focus groups	Parents come together to discuss needs of families during transition and offer advice and suggestions to schools
	19. Preliminary planning activities	Parents and students meet informally with school staff to discuss student progress and future plans prior to the IEP meeting.
	20. Adult services fair	Parents have an opportunity to meet with representatives from adult agencies to get information about services.

Note. from: "Parent partnerships" by J. Knab, A. Pleet & C. Brito, 2000, *The NTA Resource Bulletin*, [online] July, p. 5-6. Retrieved November 4, 2003 from:
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