Transition Tips to Start Your Year Off Right!

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Begin with the End in Mind…

What does it mean to be a successful adult?

What do you need to do to ensure quality outcomes?

Secondary School Professionals

Teachers vs Transition Coordinators

6 Schools with 200 students with transition plans
From: Beth Clavenna Deane (2012)

How Do You Make a Difference?

Improved Skills & Transition Programs

• Evidence-based Predictors

• Evidence-based Practices

Positive Post-School Outcomes

In-School Predictors of Post-School Success

Evidence-Based Practices

School District, State Level

Student Level
Quality of Implementation

Level of Implementation

1. Leadership and Policy;
2. Interagency Collaboration and Processes;
3. Career Development;
4. Community-Referenced Curriculum and Programs;
5. Secondary Academic Programs;
6. Family Collaboration;
7. Assessment;
8. Transition Planning;

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Level of Implementation

1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5 3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5 3.6 3.7 3.8 3.9 4

Transition Planning

• Use a Dream Sheet
• Support Students in IEPs
• Self-Directed IEPs
• Learn about a Student’s Team
• Supported Self-Determination
• Begin Planning Skills EARLY

Resources

• Planning for Your Transition from High School to Adult Life
  – http://ruralinstitute.unt.edu/transition/articles/planningworkbook.pdf
• Transition Coalition
  – The Essentials of Self-Determination
  – http://transitioncoalition.org/blog/self-determination-introduction/
• Dude Where’s My Transition Plan
• Opening Doors: Transition Resources for Students with Disabilities Planning for Life after High School
  – http://www.witig.org/opening-doors.html

NTACT
National Technical Assistance Center on Transition

http://transitioncoalition.org/

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**Transition Assessment**

- Use a Transition Assessment Planning Process
- Have IEP Team Members complete Pre-IEP Forms
- Develop Transition Assessment Templates
- Create Transition Portfolios
- Create a Transition Assessment Timeline

**Poll:** Which Assessment Method Do you Use the Most?

- Standardized Assessments
- Interviews
- Surveys
- Checklists
- Work Samples
- Curriculum Based Assessments
- Career Interest Inventories
- Observations
- Environmental Assessments

**Resources**

- Transition Coalition Assessment Review
- Self-Determination Assessments at the Zarrow Center
- A Roadmap for Transition
- Transition Coalition online module: Transition Assessment: The BIG Picture
  - [http://transitioncoalition.org/blog/ta_welcome-2/](http://transitioncoalition.org/blog/ta_welcome-2/)
- NTACT Transition Assessment Toolkit
- Life After High School: Creating Transition Portfolio

**Family Collaboration**

- Send a Communication Survey to Parents
- Establish “Office Hours”
- Send Home IEP Questions
- Use a Parent Transition Survey
- Collaborate with Parent Organizations
- Share Materials and Resources with Parents
Resources

- Transition Coalition: Working with Families
  - http://transitioncoalition.org/blog/welcome-wf/
- I’m Determined Parent Resources
  - http://www.imdetermined.org/parents/
- Center for Parent Information & Resources, A Parent’s Guide to Age of Majority
  - http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/age-of-majority-parentguide/

Secondary Academic Programs

- Find and Provide Resources to Teachers for:
  - Skills and Experiences to be College and Career Ready
- Supporting Inclusion in HS
  - Co-Teaching, Collaboration, Work-based learning
- Embedding “Transition” into Academic Content
- Focus on School Completion and School Engagement for At Risk Students
- Use Evidence-based Academic Interventions to Teach Academic Skills

Community Referenced Curriculum

- Focus on College and Career Readiness Skills and Experiences
  - Academic and non-academic
- Promote Postsecondary Ed programs for students aged 18-21
- Embedding “soft skills” within students’ school and community activities

Resources

- PACER Center, National Parent Center on Transition & Employment
  - http://www.pacer.org/transition/
- NTACT Parent and Family Involvement Annotated Bibliography
  - http://transitionta.org > Post-School Success
- The Family Engagement for High School Success Toolkit
  - http://www.hfrp.org/

- Tier 1 & 2 Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports in Secondary Schools
  - NTACT http://transitionta.org > Resources > Transition Planning
- What Does it Take to be College and Career Ready?
  - Transition Coalition http://transitioncoalition.org > Webinars
- Strategies for Building Student Engagement-Reducing Dropout
  - Transition Coalition http://transitioncoalition.org > Webinars

- College-Ready Programs for Students with Disabilities
  - NTACT http://transitionta.org > Resources > Transition Planning
- NTACT Evidence Based Practices for Academics:
  - http://transitionta.org/evidence_practices
- Career Technical Education Resources
  - http://www.careertech.org/CCTC
- College and Career Readiness Success Center
  - http://www.ccrscenter.org/
Pennsylvania Transition Guide Resources:
- http://www.secondarytransition.org/resources

Think College
- http://www.thinkcollege.net/

Transition & Instructional Strategies
- http://www.ncset.org/topics/default.asp

Transforming education through UDL
- http://cast.org/

NTACT Annotated Bibliographies:
- Financial Literacy
- Sexuality and Transition
- Health Issues and Transition

Skills to Pay the Bills
- https://www.dol.gov/dol/media/webcast/20121015-softskills/

IRIS Center
- http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/

A Guide to Developing Collaborative School-Community-Business Partnerships
- NTACT http://transitionta.org/Resources/PostSchoolSuccess

One Stop Career Centers
- http://www.onestops.info/

Customized Employment Resources

- Transition Coalition Enhancing Employment Outcomes
  - http://transitioncoalition.org/blog/welcome-wees/

Snag a Job
- http://www.snagajob.com

Job Shadow
- http://www.jobshadow.com

NTACT Research-based Practices for Employment
- http://transitionta.org/researchpractices

Develop Work-based Internships

Collaborate with Career Technical Education

Collaborate with Workforce Centers

Join Community Business Organizations

Utilize Student Connections

Establish a System for Organizing Business Contacts

Maintain High Expectations for Integrated Employment

Learn about Customized Employment

Attend Resource Fairs

Collaborate with Area Transition Coordinators

Establish Relationships with Community Organizations

Organize Trainings Sharing Information about Community Agencies

Establish a Community Transition Team

Develop Resource Directory for Families & Students
Resources

• Transition Fair Toolkit
• Pennsylvania Transition Guide
  – http://secondarytransition.org/
• Parent Action Transition Handbook
• A Collaborative Interagency, Interdisciplinary Approach to Transition from Adolescence to Adulthood
• CIRCLES Project for Interagency teams
  – http://circles.uncc.edu/
• Transition Institute Toolkit
• Transition Team Leader Sustainability Toolkit
  – http://transitionia.org/sites/default/files/Paper_TeamLeaderTK.pdf
• Transition Coalition Online Modules and Team-Based Self-Study
  – http://transitioncoalition.org/blog/transition-coalition-self-study/
• Division of Career Development and Transition
  – http://community.ccc.sped.org/dcd/home
• Quality Indicators of Effective Transition Program Evaluation
• NTACT Predictor Implementation Self-Assessment
  – http://transitionia.org/postschool

Leadership & Program Development

• Establish Program Goals
• Set-Up Quarterly Extended Team Meetings
• Train High School Education Teams
• Share Resources with Other Transition Coordinators
• Evaluate the Quality of Your Transition Program
• Enroll in a Transition Course, Online Professional Development
• Attend a Transition Conference
• Advocate for Enhanced Transition Programs

Online Tools to Make Your Life Easier

• Symbaloo
  – https://www.symbaloo.com/home/mix/13eOcM2U9A
• Kanban Flow
  – https://kanbanflow.com
• Remind
  – https://www.remind.com
• Padlet
  – https://padlet.com
Poll:
Which Domain Will You Focus on Improving?

- Transition Planning
- Transition Assessment
- Family Collaboration
- Secondary Academic Programs
- Community Referenced Curriculum
- Career Development
- Interagency Collaboration
- Leadership & Program Development

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