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Department of Education

Secondary Transition Planning

New Director's Orientation
August 13, 2020

Secondary Transition



Secondary Transition is the process of preparing students for adult life after they leave high school and can be thought of as a bridge between school programs and the opportunities of adult life, including higher education or training, employment, independent living and community participation. Transition planning provides opportunities for students with disabilities to experience positive post-school outcomes, such as:

- higher graduation rate
- lower dropout rates
- increased enrollment in colleges and universities
- higher rates of competitive employment
- increase levels of independence



Key Role – Training, Technical Assistance, and Resources

- Provide tiered virtual and face-to-face professional learning and TA to CO AUs
 - Broad universal training – Transition Leadership Institute
 - Customized training – Regional training
 - Targeted TA – District-level supports related to evidence-based practices, data, general supervision findings, and/or field-specific requests
- Lead statewide advisory group
- List serves
- Develop and disseminate resources



Current Projects



- Transition 101 Training Modules
- Developing Quality Indicators for Secondary Transition Programs – Goal is to be able to identify model transition sites
- Regional Support Model – Transition Cadres
- Sequencing of Services Model in collaboration with Katie Oliver and various state agencies (HCPF, CDLE, OEF, ILC, DVR, CTE, IHE)
 - Student outcomes from junior high through exit
 - Roles and responsibilities of each state agency to assist students in experiencing successful outcomes
- Working with UCCS to develop a transition specialist credential





Current Projects



- Developing Secondary Transition Planning Guide – Taskforce
- District teams who attended the transition leadership institute should be finalizing their transition action plans
- Technical soundness checks will occur in November 2020, March 2021, and May 2021
- Post-school Outcomes Interview Process
 - Data collection ends September 30, 2020
 - Resources: Secondary Transition
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/transition>
- Secondary Transition Training Request





Current Projects.



- Monthly Transition Talks on a variety of topics beginning in October
 - Secondary transition programming - district examples
 - Transition assessments
 - Measurable PSGs
 - Annual goals and courses of study
 - Age of majority/transfer of rights
 - Summary of performance
 - Family engagement
 - Using post-school outcomes data
 - Evaluating program effectiveness





Supports During the Pandemic



- Providing Secondary Transition Services during COVID-19
 - Career/Employment
 - National Resources
 - Families
 - Postsecondary Education
 - Independent Living
 - Transition Assessment
 - Virtual/Remote
 - Helpful Online Resources

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Office Hours



Will be held monthly

- September 2nd,
- October 7th,
- November 4th, and
- December 2nd
- Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30,

More like a town hall forum where there will be a little bit of training and information provided, then time for questions and sharing. This is mostly an opportunity for AU sharing

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How Might I Assist You?

- Please let me know your training needs related to secondary transition
 - Improving graduation rates
 - Decreasing dropout rates
 - Trainings related to writing quality secondary transition plans
 - Improving postsecondary career/employment, education/training, and independent living outcomes
- Please encourage your staff to participate in trainings and share the work occurring within your AU
- Provide feedback on what works from you



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