## Post-Secondary Transition Workshop

Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) and \_\_\_\_\_ Community Advisory Committee (CAC) \_\_\_\_\_





#### What is Transition Planning?



### What is Transition Planning?

- Transition planning pages of the IEP must be completed by age 16
- Student focused
- Based on assessed student interests and skills
- Includes annual goals to help the student work toward meeting their post secondary goals in the following areas:
  - Education/Training
  - Employment
  - Independent Living
  - Community Experiences

#### **Transition Goals**

- Reviewed and updated annually
- Need to be specific and measurable
- Based on assessed student interests and skills
- Education/Training
  - Vocational Program
  - College
- Employment
- Independent Living
- Community Experiences



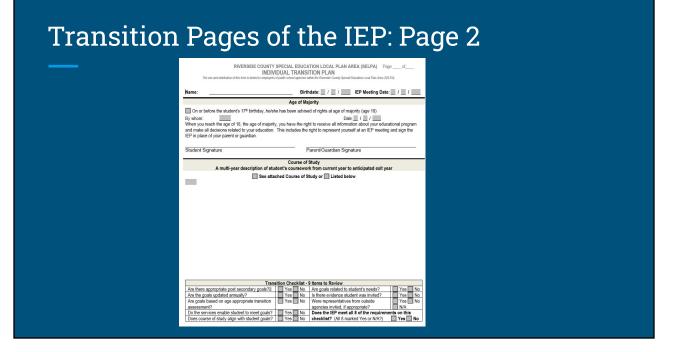
## **Transition Services**

Examples of Potential Transition Services Include:

- College Awareness
- Career Awareness
- Vocational Assessment, Counseling, Guidance, and Career Assessment
- Work Experience Education

## Transition Pages of the IEP: Page 1

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## Family Involvement is Important and Essential

- You are an important and essential member of the IEP team
- Support grade level transition activities
- Be aware of and understand Age of Majority-Transfer of Educational Rights requirements
- Share relevant information at the IEP meeting for present levels in the areas of independent living and post secondary education and career

#### Questions to Ask at the IEP Meeting

- What career exploration has my son or daughter engaged in at school?
- What supports and services are available to my son or daughter in post secondary education?
- What happens with the IEP and special education services when my student graduates from high school and earns their diploma?
- What career/vocational training is available for my son or daughter at school?
- What can I do at home to encourage independence and post secondary education and career interest and exploration?

### Activities for Families to Support Transition by Grade Level: Grade 9

- Encourage as much independence as possible.
- Discuss interests by asking, "What do you like to do?"
- Discuss career plans, options, and goals with your child.
- Develop a systematic, four-to-six-year plan of study.
- Review with your child the necessary requirements for high school graduation.
- Become aware of the career training opportunities in school and in the community.
- Understand education and training requirements in career areas of interest.
- Encourage and help your child become familiar with student organizations and clubs in school and in the community.
- Regularly speak with your student and emphasize the importance of staying in school and earning a high school diploma.
- Understand the difference between high school and post secondary education and employment including accommodations and supports available in college and work.

### Activities for Families to Support Transition by Grade Level: Grade 10

- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible.
- Regularly review your student's academic performance and progress toward their four year course of study to ensure student is earning course credits and on track to graduate on time with a high school diploma.
- Begin researching financial aid and scholarship opportunities for post secondary education.
- Encourage your student to attend college and career fairs and attend these fairs with your student when possible.
- Assist your student with exploring degree and vocational programs available at local community colleges.
- Continue to stress the importance of staying in school, earning a diploma, and pursuing post-school options.
- Review eleventh and twelfth grade plans of study with your student and advocate that student be included in as many general education classes as appropriate.

## Activities for Families to Support Transition by Grade Level: Grade 11

- Continue to encourage independence as much as possible.
- Assist your student with researching college entrance exam requirements and dates and application and registration procedures.
- Assist your student with identifying entrance requirements for various post secondary career training options in the community (ie: Job Corp).
- Review graduation requirements and your student's progress toward earning a diploma.
- Assist your student in checking on financial aid and scholarships.
- Review the twelfth grade plan of study and advocate for your student to participate in general education courses as much as possible.
- Help student research salary and benefits of student's career path of interest.
- Assist student in identifying the education and training requirements for careers of interest to him or her.
- Encourage student to participate in volunteer and service learning experiences.
- Encourage work experience.

### Activities for Families to Support Transition by Grade Level: Grade 12

By twelfth grade students should do as much as possible independently and should do the following:

- Check due dates for financial aid and scholarships.
- Recheck graduation requirements and progress made toward graduation.
- Complete and check applications to postsecondary education or career training options.
- Learn about available support services in college or career training options (ie: Disabled Student Services).
- Learn about the costs associated with post-school training and/or living arrangements.
- Learn about individual disability-related needs that may impact postsecondary success, and develop a plan to address those needs.

### Age of Majority-Transfer of Educational Rights

When a student turns age 18 he or she will gain all special education rights and protections. Educational rights transfer from the parent/guardian to the adult student.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

## **Exiting From Special Education**

When a student graduates from high school with a regular high school diploma they exit from the public school system and special education services.



#### What to Expect at the Exit IEP Meeting

- Special Education Services End
- Prior Written Notice
- Summary of Performance

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\*Be sure to obtain a copy of the most recent IEP and Psycho-educational report to provide to college disabled student services and programs office.

## Accessibility for Students with Disabilities in Post-Secondary Education

#### College Disabled Student Services and Programs (DSPS)

- To be served by DSPS, the student <u>must have a verified disability</u> which results in an educational limitation that inhibits the student's ability to participate in the general educational program of the college without additional specialized services. (Title 5 Regulations, Section 56006.)
- Determines eligibility, accommodations, and services for students with documented disabilities.
- DSPS eligible students are <u>eligible for reasonable accommodations and support services</u> based on individual needs and the disability documentation that is provided.

# Accessibility for Students with Disabilities in Post-Secondary Education

#### Examples of Potential College Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

- Test-taking facilitation
- Assessment for learning disabilities
- Specialized counseling
- Interpreter services for hearing-impaired or deaf students
- Mobility assistance
- Note taker services
- Reader services
- Alternate media services
- Access to adaptive equipment
- Registration assistance

#### Resources

#### Creating a Path to Employment: Tips for parents with children with disabilities Office of Disability Employment Policy <u>https://pueblo.gpo.gov/CAARNG/ODEP/PDF/ODEP087.pdf</u>

#### IEP Transition Planning: Preparing for Young Adulthood

Understood https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/special-services/ieps/iep-transition-planning-preparing-for-young-adulth ood

PACER's National Parent Center on Transition and Employment PACER Center https://www.pacer.org/transition/learning-center/independent-community-living/self-determination.asp

#### Ready, Set, Fly! A Parent's Guide to Teaching Life Skills

Casey Family Programs, Foundations for the Future <u>https://www.casey.org/media/CLS\_ResourceGuides\_subdocs\_ReadySetFly.pdf</u>