

Notes from the Navigator....

A Monthly Newsletter about Serving Customers with Disabilities in the One-Stop System

THE NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ON WORKFORCE AND DISABILITY FOR YOUTH

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth assists state and local workforce development systems to better serve youth with disabilities. It was created in 2001 and is composed of partners with expertise in disability, education, employment and workforce development issues.

The mission strives to ensure that youth with disabilities are provided full access to high quality services in integrated settings in order to maximize their opportunities for employment and independent living. The steps to accomplish the above goal include: supporting state and local policies that promote full access to high quality services for youth with disabilities, strengthening the services provided by organizations responsible for delivery of workforce development services and improving awareness, knowledge, and skills of individuals responsible for providing direct services for youth.

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Transition Programs

Transition Programs help youth successfully move into the world of work. Research identifies the following principles as vital for successful transition for all youth. These include:

- Access to high quality standards-based education regardless of the setting.
- Information about career options.
- Exposure to the world of work.
- Opportunities to develop social, civic, and leadership skills.
- Access to safe places to interact with their peers.
- Support services to allow them to become independent adults.

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