

Notes from the Navigator....

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

LONG ISLAND TRANSITION COORDINATION SITE

The Long Island Regional Transition Coordination Site's mission is to provide technical assistance to school districts, colleges and adult service providers in the area of transition planning for students with disabilities. This includes working with parents and students. The goal is to provide assistance in response to meeting the new requirements of the Individual with Disability Act (IDEA). Technical assistance includes improving the delivery of school-based instruction, community-based work experiences, creating appropriate IEP goals and improving interagency collaboration as it relates to Transition.

Federal and State law require transition planning and services. This prepares the students with disabilities to live, learn, and earn in the community as adults. For effective transition planning to be achieved, collaboration between students, parents, educators and service providers is necessary.

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Transition planning includes a coordinated set of activities for secondary students with disabilities. The activities are designed to prepare students to move from school to post secondary life and are based on the individual student's needs, with an emphasis on the student's preferences, potential, abilities and interests. The coordination of activities is outlined by the school district, with the participation of the student, his or her family and appropriate community service agencies. This includes VESID and OMRDD.

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