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Transition Tips

Tuesday Transition Tip

Question:

One may ask, why is transition so important, why is there such a big emphasis put on transition?

Answer:

Post-secondary transition is vitally important for a number of reasons. As a special education provider, parent, or stakeholder for high school students it is our responsibility to provide students with a successful pathway to adulthood after completing high school and/or a Young Adult Programs. The postsecondary transition plan includes career/employment goals, career/employment goals, training/education goals, adult living/independent when appropriate goals when appropriate and community participation goals.

It's the law:

IDEA states the following about transition:

300.43 Transition services.

(a) Transition services means a coordinated set of activities for a child with a disability that—

(1) Is designed to be within a results-oriented process, that is focused on improving the academic and functional achievement of the child with a disability to facilitate the child's movement from school to post-school activities, including postsecondary education, vocational education, integrated employment (including supported employment), continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living, or community participation;

(2) Is based on the individual child's needs, taking into account the child's strengths, preferences, and interests; and includes—

(i) Instruction;

(ii) Related services;

(iii) Community experiences;

(iv) The development of employment and other post-school adult living objectives; and

(v) If appropriate, acquisition of daily living skills and provision of a functional vocational evaluation.

(b) Transition services for children with disabilities may be special education, if provided as specially designed instruction, or a related service, if required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education.

(<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/regs/b/a/300.43>).

Please remember as special education providers it is role is to assist our students with an IEP (Individualize Education Plan) to prepare for their postsecondary outcomes. Please stay tuned into our Tuesday Transition Tips as we break down the process of transition planning.

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