

In Focus: Secondary Transition in Ohio

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Research shows that comprehensive and thorough transition planning for students with disabilities leads to better post-school employment, education, and independent living outcomes. As part of the Ohio Department of Education's focus on secondary transition for the State Systemic Improvement Plan, this episode explores secondary transition planning practices and insights, as well as resources to support secondary transition planning practices. Join representatives from the Ohio Department of Education, OCALI's Lifespan Transitions Center, and two Ohio schools as they share more about this focus and the plan to improve secondary transition planning for students in Ohio.

Supporting Resources:

National Technical Assistance Center: The Collaborative www.transitionTA.org

Ohio Department of Education Secondary Transition and Workforce Development https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Special-Education/Federal-and-State-Requirements/Secondary-Transition-and-Workforce-Development

Planning for Transition Assessment: A Guide for Multi-Agency Teams https://ohioemploymentfirst.org/view.php?nav id=504

OCALI's Lifespan Transitions Center https://www.ocali.org/center/transitions

Agency Navigation Tool

Learn a little about agencies you and your family may be interacting with during the transition to adulthood years. Includes fill-in spaces to keep track of information and local contacts.

https://ohioemploymentfirst.org/up_doc/Agency-Navigation-Tool-09042020.pdf

Backwards Planning Tools

There are a variety of tools on this page that multi agency teams can choose from to support the transition planning process. These tools are informal in nature and not intended to be used as 'forms to fill out.' Rather, they are provided so teams can use and adapt them to the needs of their team and the youth/family in the planning process.

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