



Partnering with Families in the Transition Process

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Learning Objectives

- IDEA and common frameworks
- Common barriers
- Transition messaging
- Activity
- The local perspective





Parent and Family Engagement

- There is no *'one thing'* education professionals can do to increase parent and family engagement
- It is an ongoing process of relationship building
- Success rooted in **effort, ethic, and communication**



IDEA and Parent Participation

- Rights in the IEP process
- Members of State Advisory Panel
- State/Local Performance Plan - joint training with parents
- Parent counseling and training - related service
- Monitoring includes parent input
- Parent Training and Information Centers

Family Involvement Frameworks

- The Guideposts for Success
- NASET Standards
- Kohler's Taxonomy (1996)
- U.S. DOE Dual Capacity Framework

Parent Expectations and Outcomes

- Students with one or more parents who participated in the IEP meetings during 11th and 12th grades were more likely to be engaged in post-school employment
- Students with parents who had HIGH EXPECTATIONS were more likely to be engaged in postsecondary education and employment

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Common Barriers

- Poor communication about **reason** and **process**
- Parents on team, but don't know
 - language
 - rules
 - options
- Conflicting goals (what does school need to do vs. parents expectations)

Challenges Facing Both Sides

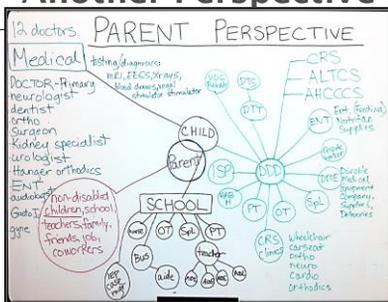
- Time, Time, Time
- Requirements and expectations outpacing school resources
- Expectations and goals outpacing community resources
- Others?

One Perspective

- Father
- Teacher
- Diagnosis
- Educator



Another Perspective



Message to Families: The Process

- Parents need to be involved
- Assessments drive the process
- Don't assume school is addressing areas you are concerned about

Message to Families: Employment

- Know what employers want
- Work on building skills at home
- Work experiences a must

Arizona's Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)

- Services at no cost for families
- Birth to 26
- Full range of disabilities or special health care needs
- Inform, educate and collaborate



Diverse views on transition

- History
- Tradition
- Culture
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Identity

Who do you serve?
How do you engage Arizona families in transition?

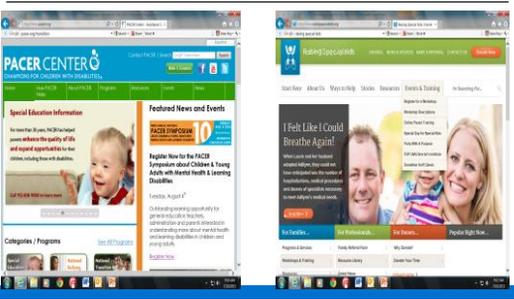
Statewide Transition Initiatives

- Employment First
- Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AZCoPT)
- Arizona Youth Leadership Forum
- Work Incentive Information Network (WIIN)
- ASPIRE
- STMP/CCRTT
- ... and more

Parent to Parent



Resources



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