
How Arizona Communities of Practice Are Impacting The Transition Process, and How You Can Too



AZCoPT

Guest Speaker(s)

- Diverse Ability Incorporated
- Vocational Rehabilitation/ RSA
- Arizona Department of Education/Exceptional Student Services

AZCoPT Mission



The mission of the Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AZCoPT) is to improve lifelong outcomes for youths and young adults who have disabilities.

Current Partners

- Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
- Arizona Department of Education (Exceptional Student Services)
- Arizona Department of Child Safety
- ArizOTA Postsecondary Transition Special Interest Section
- Diverse Ability Incorporated
- Division of Developmental Disabilities
- Raising Special Kids
- School District Representatives: Mesa Unified and Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
- Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Programs/Navajo Nation
- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities: Institute for Human Development and Sonoran UCEDD
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Youth and Young Adult Advisors

Shared Leadership

The AZCoPT is dedicated to the Leading by Convening model of Community of Practice where Shared Leadership is a core value. Recognizing Shared Leadership as a strength of the model assumes that no one agency or organization has supervisory authority over the collaborative partners. While agencies and organizations pursue individual and common goals and outcomes for their respective entity, the community of practice model is rooted in the belief that when partners work together and have an understanding of each other, statewide transition outcomes will improve.

Why AZCoPT Matters



Community Support

- Informing and educating the public and each other
- Addressing unmet needs through collaboration
- Evaluating the transition process and system
- Articulating and recommending data-driven outcomes and improvements (policy and program)
- Strengthening local teams by supporting development/expansion, removing barriers, and enhancing creative problem solving

Projects and Accomplishments

Sample Transition Plan for Ima Learner: shows how all agencies interface and can serve a student

Transition Slide Guide

Regional Training and Transition Technical Assistance: Partner's Presentation

Comprehensive Transition Guide (NEW!)

Networking events for Local CoPTs

2022 Team Shared Goals/Vision:

- Launch Transition Guide
- Increase collaboration with LCoPT's
- Increase accessibility of information to youth, families, and the community to increase engagement
- Facilitate Parent Community of Practice (engage them into LCoPTs)

AZCoPT Website



Arizona Community of Practice on Transition



Mission and Vision

The Arizona Community of Practice on Transition (AzCoPT) team meets regularly to collaborate, develop, and coordinate transition services, professional development, and resources related to improving the transition experience for youth who have disabilities. The Arizona Community of Practice on Transition is dedicated to the practice of shared leadership and using Leading by Convening as a framework to guide our work.

Visit this link: <https://bit.ly/ArizonaCOPT2022> or scan the QR code:



Arizona Transition Guide

- This guide was created by AZCoPT to help young adults, parents and **support persons to create a successful transition plan** from high school to adulthood.
- This plan will **serve as guidance** for young adults as they work toward their goals.
- Everyone has a **right to know the services** that are available and meet their individual needs.
- This will make sure they are able to **make an informed choice** to meet their own transition goals.

Accessing the Transition Guide

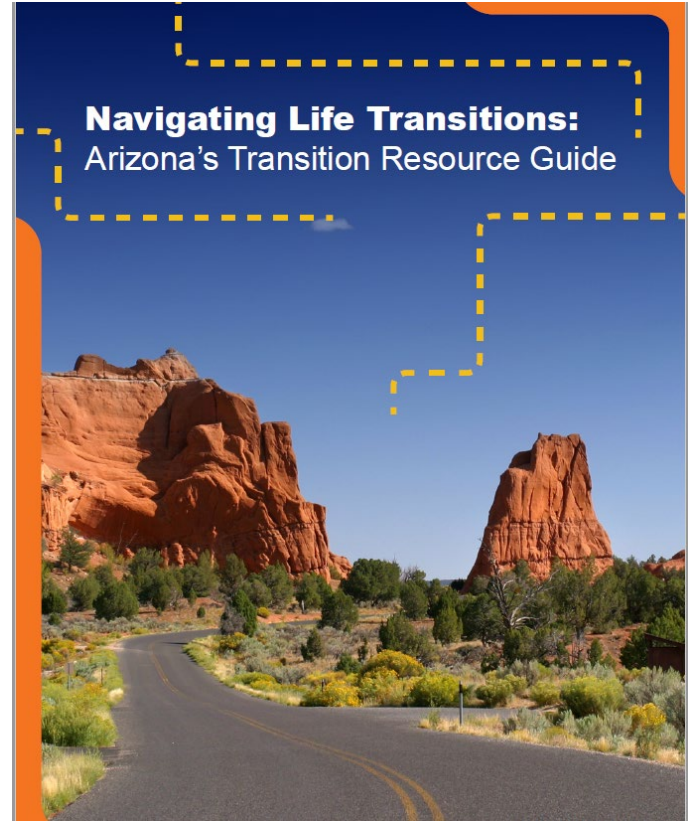
- A link to The Transition Guide can be found on the ADE Secondary Transition website.
 - <http://bit.ly/AZsecondarytransition1>
- Upcoming enhancements
- If you require additional accommodations, please send an email to azcopt1@gmail.com



Preview the Transition Guide

Tips and Tricks to The Transition Guide

- Bolded words take you to that section.
- Blue underlined words are directed to important matches.
- You can search for words by pressing Control + F.
- Direct contact info, websites and more at the end of each section.



Preview the Transition Guide contd.

The things that will help you transition.



Going from being a child to being an adult is like crossing a river. Walking across a bridge is easier than swimming. Your bridge is made of 5 ideas that will help you reach your goals.

They are:

- Collaboration
- Employment First
- Person-Centered Planning
- Self-Advocacy
- Self-Determination



Local Communities of Practice on Transition (LCoPT)

LCoPTs have adopted the Community of Practice model and work collaboratively to improve transition outcomes for youth and young adults who have disabilities by developing goals and objectives that address critical transition needs in their community. Each LCoPT has at least one ambassador from the State AZCoPT to provide necessary guidance and support when needed.

Networking Meetings: Virtually connect with community stakeholders interested in improving the secondary transition experience and post-school outcomes for youth and young adults in Arizona who have disabilities.

LCoPT Membership

Benefits of joining a LCoPT

- Collaboration
- Projects
- Activities
- Positive impacts and community benefits



Current LCoPT Locations

- Cochise County
- East Valley (Maricopa)
- Mohave County
- Northern Arizona (Flagstaff)
- Northwest Valley (Maricopa)
- Pima County
- Pinal County
- Apache/Navajo County
- Yuma County
- Pending LCoPTs: Tuba City, Verde Valley, Yavapai
- Our Jamboard <https://bit.ly/AZCoPTJamboard> has a comprehensive list of all the dates and times each community of practice meets.



LCoPT Networking Events

- The Networking Events are **opportunities to connect with community stakeholders** interested in improving the secondary transition experience and post-school outcomes for youths and young adults who have disabilities in Arizona.
- Help us plan our next Networking Event for Fall 2022! Please respond to this Doodle Poll <https://bit.ly/LCoPTFallEvent> .

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Sign up for our Secondary Transition Listserv: <https://bit.ly/STListserv>

Request Transition Support or Training: <https://bit.ly/STSupportRequestForm>

