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***Professional Profile***

- Twenty years of experience helping school age youth with disabilities transition to adult life, coordinating community and school partnerships, job development, providing job support, job placement, vocational evaluation, developing both secondary and post-secondary curricula.
- Developed, implemented and disseminated a U.S. Department of Education Grant, Project M.O.V.E. (Mentoring Opportunities for Vocational Exploration), which has expanded and evolved into a four-year model transition program.
- Recognized by the City of Pittsburgh, Youth Works, and the Bureau of Special Education for developing a model transition program for the state of Pennsylvania. (Featured under “What Works in PA Schools,” <http://www.pattan.k12.pa.us/>.)
- Developed a four-year sequential transition curriculum adopted by the Pittsburgh Public Schools.
- Wrote, secured and managed multiple grants and adhered to various funding requirements.
- Developed a community based assessment protocol for secondary students with cognitive impairments and an accompanying training module for teachers that is now being implemented throughout the state.
- Proven ability to lead and direct both students and staff.
- Served as President of International Division of Career Development and Transition
- Extensive experience delivering pre-service training, staff professional development, national presentations and family/care-giver training.

***Summary of Qualifications***

- Experienced in delivering on-line professional development, pre-service and in-service trainings.
- Trained and supported teachers in order to implement two distinctly different district-wide transition programs throughout a large urban district.
- Extensive experience dealing with the public; helped establish new community partnerships for area schools and national professional organizations.
- Knowledgeable in disability issues, academic and workplace accommodations, and federal, state and local regulations.
- Trained students and staff to use various on-line software applications, including Blackboard, Schoology, VoiceThread, and Moodle.
- Increased the social media usage and membership engagement for the Division of Career Development and Transition
- Consistently accepted to present at national special education conferences

## ***Career Experience***

### **Transition Facilitator**

Fox Chapel Area School District, Pittsburgh, PA

2007-present

- Systematically identified family services needed related to transition outcomes and assisted families to connect with support networks.
- Awarded a two-year grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to improve the employment outcomes of students with autism spectrum disorder.
- Implemented a student leadership program for students with disabilities.
- Responsibilities included: ensuring interagency collaboration, developing career development activities, conducting informal and formal career assessments, recruiting business partnerships, developing community based activities, and disseminating post-school planning information to families and students.
- Evaluated over 350 students' educational program annually with respect to their measurable post-school goals and alignment of those goals with instructional activities.
- Designed and implemented program evaluation procedures to assess and improve the effectiveness of transition education and services, including evaluation of student's post school outcomes.
- Interpreted the results of career and vocational assessments for students, families, and professionals.
- Developed a four-year university, campus based, postsecondary training program for students with autism spectrum disorder.
- Responsible for coordinating and training K-12 staff in Social Thinking identifying students and providing support with implementation.
- Secondary team representative to District Special Education Planning Team
- Designed and interpreted on-line survey to plan and deliver K-12 special education parent and staff training annually
- Implemented Stand Together program to reduce mental health stigma among students and staff
- Coordinate Secondary Functional Behavioral Assessments
- Coordinated and Delivered on-line training on special education topical issues for staff and family.
- Support secondary staff with special education compliance issues
- Supervised and Delivered Intensive Teaching in Autistic Support Program
- Deliver Sexual Harassment Training to all custodial staff members

### **Transition Facilitator for Special Projects**

2000-2007

Pittsburgh Public Schools, Pittsburgh, PA

- Provided oversight to the daily operation of the Start On Success program. Responsibilities included: directing lessons, conducting staff trainings, bi-weekly staff meetings and monthly staff development trainings.
- Instructed students in the classroom in daily English with a transition focus class as well as provided community based instruction.
- Facilitated the acquisition of new community partners and maintain existing relationships between the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Allegheny General Hospital, CIGNA

Group Insurance, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and a network of over 300 business partners.

- Conducted district-wide workshops and provided technical assistance in the field of transition, vocational assessment and IDEA regulations.
- Implemented a district-wide Career Development class a part of transition programming for all ninth and tenth graders. Responsibilities included; identification of curriculum, training for all teachers in the implementation, on-going staff development, and provided monthly in-class feedback and support as well as conducting monthly staff trainings.
- Provided job analysis, job placement, community based assessment and supports to eleventh and twelfth grade students with cognitive disabilities.
- Developed a systematic assessment process linked to community experiences to improve the employment outcomes of youth with cognitive disabilities, which received national recognition and is featured at [www.sharedwork.org](http://www.sharedwork.org).
- Developed and implemented an electronic career portfolio template and administration manual.
- Developed and edited a quarterly transition newsletter.
- Developed, maintained and served as webmaster for district transition site <http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/academicoffice/specialeducation/sos/default.asp> designed to increase parent involvement and knowledge of their child's daily transition programming.
- Provided on line training modules on career assessment and effective transition programming for district personnel on [www.sharedwork.org](http://www.sharedwork.org).

**Educational Consultant**

2003-present

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

- Consulted with English Department faculty to help urban youth with disabilities achieve full community participation.
- Responsible for co-teaching Community Literacy to undergraduate students.
- Assisted with the development of a toolkit of alternative assessment techniques based on student centered personal achievement.
- Coordinated community “think tanks” on “Learning Differences” and “Negotiating the Workplace with a Learning Disability.” Findings may be viewed at <http://english.cmu.edu/research/inquiry/two.html>.

**Peer Consultant**

2002-2004

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Western Pennsylvania Office of the Pennsylvania Service Learning Alliance, Pittsburgh, PA

- Trained teachers and administrators on the teaching methodologies of Service-Learning and served as a peer mentor for special education teachers throughout the western region of Pennsylvania.
- Facilitated Service Learning workshops in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.
- Evaluated AmeriCorps grant applications.
- Provided technical assistance to teachers on linking Service Learning with academic standards, competencies and transition requirements.

**Rehabilitation Specialist**

2002-2003

University of Pittsburgh, School of Health and Rehabilitation Science, Pittsburgh, PA

- Developed a daily curriculum for adults with cognitive impairments emphasizing individual assessment, career exploration, and job readiness skills, culminating with a community mentorship experience.
- Provided training and support to existing teaching staff.
- Identified and modeled best techniques for supporting students with cognitive impairments at Hiram G. Andrews Rehabilitation Center.
- Responsible for direct rehabilitation services to clients with cognitive impairments. Responsibilities included identifying accommodations and compensatory strategies for both school and the workplace.

**Transition Instructor / Start On Success Site Coordinator** 1997-2000

@ Pittsburgh Public Schools, Pittsburgh, PA

- Created a positive learning environment featuring integrated curriculum, hands-on lessons and use of career portfolios to document students' growth, abilities, achievements and future plans.
- Provided support to special education students and staff at David B. Oliver and Taylor Allderdice High Schools by enabling students with disabilities to maximize their employment outcomes.
- Assisted with the establishment of a partnership between the Pittsburgh Public Schools and the National Organization on Disability.
- Provided job analysis, vocational assessment, job placement and support to students with disabilities.
- Effectively counseled youth on job acquisition, job maintenance and social skills.

**Rehabilitation Specialist**

1996-1998

Center for Applied Neuropsychology, Pittsburgh, PA

- Participated in research and demonstration projects that focused on the assessment of individuals' cognitive strengths and limitations as they apply to job and academic demands.
- Provided employment support services.
- Under the supervision of a psychologist administered various assessments as part of a neuropsychological testing battery.
- Developed and implemented a school to work curriculum for the Program for Students with Exceptionalities, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Mentoring Opportunities for Vocational Exploration.
- Provided technical assistance to faculty members and staff in the Pittsburgh Public School District, local employers, and individuals with disabilities and their parents.

**Adjunct Lecturer**

2016 - present

College of Education and Human Development  
Online Transition Certificate Program

SPE G 658 Special Education Transition Leadership  
Practicum Supervisor/Mentor  
University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, MA

**Adjunct Lecturer** 2016 - present  
College of Education and Human Development  
Online Special Education Master's Program  
SPED 537 Differentiated Instructional Practices  
SPED 534 Low Incidence Disabilities  
Point Park University, Pittsburgh, PA

**Visiting Lecturer** 2007 - 2015  
Graduate School of Education and Human Development  
Online Transition Certificate Program  
SPED 235 Employment Models for Individuals with Disabilities  
The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

**Adjunct Lecturer** 2008 - 2014  
Department of Counseling Psychology and Special Education  
G-SPED 580 Career and Transition Issues  
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

**Advisory Board Member** 2013 - present  
Pittsburgh Disability Employment  
Project Freedom  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Program Coordinator** Summer 2009  
Spiritan Division  
The college P.R.E.P. (Preparation, Readiness, Education, and Planning)  
A Pre-college Experience for Students with LD/ADHD  
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

**Clinical Supervisor/Therapist** 1996  
Three Rivers Youth, Pittsburgh, PA

**Graduate Assistant/ADA Consultant** 1995-1996  
Job Accommodation Network, Morgantown, WV

### ***Education***

**Ed.D. - University of Pittsburgh**, Pittsburgh, PA – awarded 5/16  
Special Education - Transition Focus/ Special Education Supervisor Certificate program,  
GPA: 3.769.

**M.S. – West Virginia University**, Morgantown, West Virginia – awarded 12/96  
Rehabilitation Counseling/Vocational Evaluation, GPA: 4.0.

**B.A. – Washington & Jefferson College**, Washington, PA - awarded 6/95  
Psychology/Philosophy, GPA: 3.4.

**Special Education Certificate - California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA**  
awarded 3/2005.

**Elementary and Secondary School Counselor Certificate - Chatham College,**  
Pittsburgh PA – 11/07

### ***Certifications/Licenses***

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor

Licensed Professional Counselor (Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors)

McCarron Dial System of Vocational Evaluation

Managing Aggressive People

Aviator Assessment System

Certified Vocational Evaluator

Special Education N-12, English 7-12, Social Studies, Elementary School Counselor and Secondary School Counselor, Special Education Supervisor, Instructional Certificate II (Pennsylvania Department of Education)

Global Career Development Facilitator Instructor (National Career Development Association)

### ***Service***

Vocational Evaluation Career Assessment Professionals (VECAP), Strategic Planning Committee, 2007- 2014

Vocational Evaluation Career Assessment Professionals (VECAP), Career Development and Transition Ambassador, 2009- 2103

National Association of State Directors of Special Education, IDEA Partnership, National Community of Practice on Transition, Transition Assessment on-line practice group moderator 2007 - 2015

Commission on Certification of Work Adjustment and Vocational Evaluation (CCWAVES) - Executive Board Member –Treasurer, 2006 - 2009

National Community of Practice on Transition (NCOPT), Career Assessment Representative, 2006 - 2014

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) - National Board Member, Vocational Evaluation Representative, 2007- 2013

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) - National Board Member, Marketing Chair 2015-present

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) - National Board Member, Past-President 2014-2015

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) - National Board Member, Marketing Chair 2014- President

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) - National Board Member, President 2013-2014

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) - National Board Member, President Elect 2012-2013

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) - National Board Member, Vice President 2011-2012

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC): The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) - National Board Member, Newsletter Editor, 2008- 2011  
Reviewer of proposals for DCDT (International Division of Career Development and Transition) Strand 1: Assessment in Transition, 2007  
Reviewer of proposals for DCDT (International Division of Career Development and Transition) Strand 5; Student Engagement in Secondary Schools, 2015  
Reviewer of proposals for CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) Strand 2: Career Development and Transition, 2007 - present  
Reviewer of proposals for CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) Strand 1: Family Engagement 2007 - present  
Bender Consulting Company, Student Business Leadership Program, Ambassador, 2007 – present  
Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network, Advisor Board, Adult Ally 2006 – 2008 and 2016-present  
Reviewer of manuscripts for DCDT (International Division of Career Development and Transition) Publications Committee, 2007 - 2011  
City of Pittsburgh: Youth Policy Forum Board of Directors, 2007  
Reviewer of grant proposals for Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Transition from School to Community Based Employment, 2005, 2006  
IDEA Partnership Secondary Transition National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center (NSTTAC) Evidence Based Project 2008  
Division of Career Development and Transition (DCDT) International Conference, Assessment Strand Coordinator, October 2009  
Division of Career Development and Transition (DCDT) International Conference, Innovative Instruction Practices for Transition Reviewer and Strand Coordinator April 2014-November 2014  
Content Validity Study for Transition Planning Inventory (TPI) pro-ed, September 2009  
IDEA Partnership Lead Facilitator of the National Transition and Career Assessment Practice Group, May 2009 to present  
National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center Secondary Transition State Planning Institute, Facilitator, 2009, 2010, and 2013  
Named to the Council for Exceptional Children's Divisions' Summer Leadership Institute Planning Committee to be held at CEC Headquarters, 2012  
Represented Fox Chapel Area School District and the International Division of Career Development and Transition at the Council for Exceptional Children's Summer Leadership Institute, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014  
Best Buddies International Lead Faculty Sponsor 2010 – present  
International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference Planning Committee Chairperson 2012-2014  
Reviewer of Division of Career Development and Transition (DCDT) Position Paper on Transition Assessment, 2012  
Nominated to serve on the Council for Exceptional Children's (CEC), International Conference Program Advisory Committee (PAC) to represent the Career Development and Transition strand 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014  
CEC's Interdisciplinary Division Caucus - DCDT Representative 2012-present  
Division of Career Development and Transition (DCDT) International Conference, Innovative Instruction Practices for Transition, Student Engagement in Secondary Schools, Community Partnerships and Family Partnerships- All Strands served as Reviewer and Strand Coordinator April 2015-November 2015

International Division of Career Development and Transition Committee Chairperson for Transition Purpose and Language Usage Committee and Marketing Committee 2015  
International Division of Career Development and Transition Committee Member of Publications, Strategic Planning, and Conference Planning 2015

***Publications:***

IDEA Partnership Secondary Transition National Secondary Transition Collection, 2009  
IDEA Partnership Secondary Transition National Secondary Transition Glossary of Terms, 2009  
IDEA Partnership National Community of Practice on Mental Health Dialog Guide to the SAMHSA Fact Sheet, "Child and Adolescent Mental Health"

***Professional Memberships***

Council for Exceptional Children  
Council for Exceptional Children: The Division on Career Development and Transition (Past President 2013-2014)  
Council for Exceptional Children: The Division for Learning Disabilities  
Vocational Evaluation Career Assessment Professionals  
National Education Association  
American Federation of Teachers  
Fox Chapel Educators Association  
National Rehabilitation Association  
Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Association  
Association for Career and Technical Education  
American Counseling Association  
National Career Development Association  
Kappa Delta Pi

***Honors***

Pi Lambda Theta 2007  
Edward Moffet Weyer Scholar 1995  
Advancing Career Education Award, Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board 2007  
Phi Delta Kappa 2008  
Division of Career Development and Transition Outstanding Service Award for Transition Assessment/ Vocational Evaluation Representative 2011  
Division of Career Development and Transition Outstanding Service Award for Newsletter Editor 2012  
Division of Career Development and Transition Outstanding Service Award for Presidential Service 2014

***Conference Presentations***

July 1998  
Summer Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
**“Promising Transition Practices”**

February 1999  
ISSP Conference, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“Transition Through Community Partnerships”**



April 2001

National Organization on Disability Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**“Improving Outcomes”**

May 2001

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Employment, Training & Education Conference, Hershey, Pennsylvania  
**“Start On Success Pittsburgh”**

June 2001

Pennsylvania Transition Conference, Hershey, Pennsylvania  
**“Model Transition Programs: Start On Success a Blueprint for Replication”**

April 2003

National Organization on Disability Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
**“Start on Success Pittsburgh: Improving Outcomes Together”**

April 2004

National Organization on Disability Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.  
**“Systematic Assessment System for Optimizing Transition Outcomes”**

July 2004

Pennsylvania Transition Conference, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“Bureau of Workplace Development Partnership: Reaching Our Outcomes Together”**

October 2004

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Pittsburgh District Office  
Transition Assessment Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
**“Secondary Transition: Pittsburgh’s Best Practices”**

August 2005

PaTTAN Videoconference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
**“Bureau of Special Education Performance Grants for Transition from School to Community Based Employment”**

July 2006

Pennsylvania Transition Conference, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“OVR Office of Vocational Rehabilitation- It is Not What You Think”**

July 2006

Pennsylvania Transition Conference, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“Community Based Assessment Protocol a Tool for Youth In Transition”**

July 2006

Pennsylvania Transition Conference, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“Western Region Best Practices in Transition Programming- A Model for Replication”**

November 2006

PA Partners 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth in Employment Conference, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
**“Electronic Portfolios and Assessment to Maximize Youth With Disabilities  
Employment Outcomes”**

March 2007

National Organization on Disability Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.  
**“Career Assessment for Youth with Disabilities”**

April 2007

Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo, Louisville, Kentucky  
**“National Community of Practice on Transition”**

April 2007

Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals Thirteenth National Forum  
on Issues in Vocational Assessment, Auburn, Alabama  
**“Community Based Assessment for Youth in Transition”**

June 2007

Pennsylvania Association for Personnel in Supported Employment Conference,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
**“School to Work”**

July 2007

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“Authentic Assessment: A Showcase of Career Portfolios”**

July 2007

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“Assess for Success: Foundations for the Future”**

July 2007

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“Job Analysis or Magic 8 Ball: The First Step to a Match”**

July 2007

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“Best Practices in Career Assessment: A National State and Local Perspective”**

July 2007

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania  
**“Systematic Career Development Strategies: A Model for Success”**

October 2007

International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference, Orlando,  
Florida  
**“Community Based Assessment for Transition: Get What’s Missing”**

October 2007

International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference, Orlando, Florida

**“Career Assessment: Keeping it Alive and Meaningful”**

November 2007

Maryland Annual Transition Conference, Baltimore, Maryland

**“Building Partnerships to Improve Employment Outcomes of Youth”**

November 2007

Maryland Annual Transition Conference, Baltimore, Maryland

**“Authentic Assessment a Showcase of Career Portfolios”**

November 2007

Maryland Annual Transition Conference, Baltimore, Maryland

**“Assess for Success: Foundations for the Future”**

November 2007

Maryland Annual Transition Conference, Baltimore, Maryland

**“Job Analysis or Magic 8 Ball: The First Step to a Match”**

November 2007

Maryland Annual Transition Conference, Baltimore, Maryland

**“The Puzzle of Employment: Promoting Success of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders”**

December 2007

Pennsylvania Department of Education Transition from School to Community Employment for Students with Autism, Pittsburgh, PA

**“Sustainable Systematic Career Development Programs”**

February 2008

Pennsylvania Department of Education Transition from School to Community Employment for Students with Autism, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**“The Pieces of the Employment Puzzle: Unlocking Passion through Transition & Career Assessment.”**

March 2008

Virginia Annual Transition Forum: VECAP sponsored pre-conference, Roanoke, Virginia

**“Community Based Assessment for Youth in Transition: Get What’s Missing.”**

March 2008

Virginia Annual Transition Forum, Roanoke, Virginia

**“Systematic Career Development Strategies for Employment Outcomes”**

Employment Toolkit.

March 2008

Virginia Annual Transition Forum, Roanoke, Virginia

**“The Puzzle of Employment: Promoting Success of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.”**

March 2008

Virginia Annual Transition Forum, Roanoke, Virginia

**“Job Analysis or Magic 8 Ball”**

March 2008

Virginia Annual Transition Forum, Roanoke, Virginia

**“Aligning Accommodations and Supports to Improve Employment Outcomes”**

March 2008

Virginia Annual Transition Forum, Roanoke, Virginia

**“Promoting Career Assessment through a Community of Practice”**

April 2008

Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo, Boston Massachusetts

**“National Community of Practice on Transition”**

July 2008

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania

**“Community Based Assessment: Implementation Strategies to Maximize Success of Youth”**

July 2008

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania

**“Promoting Transition and Career Assessment through a Community of Practice”**

July 2008

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania

**“Building our Capacity for Transition and Career Assessment: Leadership of All Stakeholders”**

July 2008

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania

**“Transition from School to Community Based Employment for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders”**

July 2008

Pennsylvania Community on Transition Forum, State College, Pennsylvania

**“SC2 – Social Competence X Social Capital = Transition Success for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders”**

August 2008

National Autism Conference, State College, Pennsylvania

**“Transition to Work and Life”**

October 2008

International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**“Communities of Practice: Transforming Transition for Youth with Disabilities at National, State & Local Levels”**

November 2008

Conference on Integrated Learning: The School to Career Connection, State College, Pennsylvania

**“Authentic Assessment: A Showcase of Electronic Portfolios”**

November 2008

Conference on Integrated Learning: The School to Career Connection, State College, Pennsylvania

**“Career Standards + Career Curriculum = Post School Success”**

April 2009

Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo, Seattle, Washington

**“Communities of Practice: Transforming Transition for Youth With Disabilities at National, State, and Local Levels”**

April 2009

The Fourteenth National Forum on Issues in Vocational Assessment, Midwest City, Oklahoma

**“Pre-conference: Transition Assessment: Strategies and Techniques to Align Vocational Assessment and special Education.”**

April 2009

Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo, Nashville, Tennessee

**“Amazing, Growing Transformation of Transition at the National, State, and Local Levels.”**

May 2009

IDEA Partnership National Community of Practice on Transition, Charlotte, North Carolina

**“The National Transition and Career Assessment Practice Group: Where Are We Going?”**

July 2009

Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism, Summer Workshop Series, Jacksonville, Florida

**“The Pieces of the Employment Puzzle: Unlocking Passions Through Transition & Career Assessments.”**

July 2009

Education Week, On Special Education: Web Chat on Postsecondary Transition

**“Preparing Special Education Students for Postsecondary Life”**

September 17, 2009

Wisconsin State Transition Coordinators Meeting

**“A National Community of Practice on Transition: Local Practitioner’s Influence on National Policy.”**

October 2009

International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference, Savannah Georgia

**“How Transition for Students with Disabilities Is Being Transformed at the National, State & Local Levels!”**

October 2009

International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference, Savannah Georgia

**“Unlocking Passions Through Community Based Assessment”**

October 2010

**The Division of Career Development and Transition Regional Conference  
Transition on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Mystic, Connecticut

**“How do you Develop Annual Goals to Meet the Requirements of Indicator 13?”**

October 2010

**The Division of Career Development and Transition Regional Conference  
Transition on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Mystic, Connecticut

**“Expanding Transition at the National, State and Local Levels; National Community of Practice on Transition”**

April 2011

**Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo,  
Harbor, Md.**

**“Amazing, Growing Transformation of Transition at the National, State, and Local Levels”**

May 2011

**7th National Community of Practice on Transition Meeting**

Charlotte, NC

***“Cradle to College and Career: What Does It Mean for Transition under the IDEA?”***

October 2011

**16th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference  
Kansas City, MO**

***“Revising DCDT’s Transition Assessment Position Paper?”***

October 2011

**16th International Division of Career Development  
Kansas City, MO**

***“Amazing, Growing Transformation of Transition at the National, State, and Local Levels.”***

April 2012

**2012 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo**

Denver, CO

***“How the IDEA Partnership Helps You Increase the Effectiveness Of Transition”***

October 2012

**International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

Denver, CO

***"Decision Making and Responsibility Taking: An Authentic Self- Assessment of Transition Strengths"***

October 2012

**International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

Denver, CO

***“Ensuring ALL Students Are College and Career Ready Through Communities of Practice”***

October 2012

**International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

Denver, CO

***" Social Thinking Instruction to Foster Post-Secondary Success"***

February 2013

**2013 Wisconsin Transition Conference**

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

***"Decision Making and Responsibility Taking: An Authentic Self-Assessment of Transition Strengths"***

February 2013

**2013 Wisconsin Transition Conference**

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

***"Transition Now and Then" Insights on Our Changing View of Transition from DCDT Position Paper"***

February 2013

**2013 Wisconsin Transition Conference**

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

***"Social Thinking Instruction to Foster Post-Secondary Success"***

February 2013

**2013 Wisconsin Transition Conference**

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

***"Community Based Assessment for Transition: Get What's Missing"***

March 2013

**PATTAN Transition Team Statewide In-Service**

Pittsburgh, PA

**"Aligning Transition Services With Secondary Education Reform- Fox Chapel School District"**

April 2013

**2013 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo**

San Antonio, TX

***"Expanding Transition at the National, State and Local Levels"***

May 2013

**Fox Chapel Area School District Co-Teaching Training**

Pittsburgh, PA

**"Unlocking the Pieces of the Puzzle for Classroom Success: Teach the Student and NOT the Diagnosis! Learners with Autism, Asperger, Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities, ADD and ADHD."**

November 2013

**17th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

**"Leaders for Life: No Limits, No Boundaries."**

Williamsburg, VA

**" How the IDEA Partnerships Have Increased the Effectiveness of Transition - Nationwide!"**

March 2014

**2014 Delaware State Transition Conference**

Dover, DE

**"The Pieces of the Employment Puzzle: Unlocking Passions Through Transition and Career Assessment."**

March 2014

**2014 Delaware State Transition Conference**

Dover, DE

**"Empowerment and Engagement in Career Exploration, Discovery, and Transition Assessment: The Role of Self-Determination."**

March 2014

**2014 Delaware State Transition Conference**

Dover, DE

**"Decision Making and Responsibility Taking: An Authentic Self- Assessment of Transition Strengths."**

March 2014

**PATTAN Transition Team Statewide In-Service**

Pittsburgh, PA

**"Effective School-Wide Programs in Education: Fox Chapel Area High School"**

April 2014

**2014 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo**

Philadelphia, PA



**"Learn How the IDEA Partnership Helps You Increase the Effectiveness of Transition Services."**

April 2014

**2014 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo**

Philadelphia, PA

**CEC Featured Town Hall - "Transition Assessment: Best Practices and Emerging Issues."**

July 2014

**2014 Special Education Leadership Summer Academy: Achieving Balance**

Bedford Springs, PA

**"The P-16 Pipeline -Preparing for School Transitions from Pre-K Through College: A School District Example."**

October 2014

**18th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

**"Transition Rocks"**

Cleveland, OH

**"The Pieces of the Employment Puzzle: Unlocking Passions Through Transition"**

October 2014

**18th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

**"Transition Rocks"**

Cleveland, OH

**"Transition Assessment: Best Practices and Emerging Issues"**

April 2015

**2015 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo**

San Diego, CA

**"Transition Assessment: Part of the Academic Framework"**

October 2015

**19th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

**"Blazing Trails in Transition"**

Portland, OR

**"Transition Assessment: Part of the Academic Framework"**

October 2015

**19th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

**"Blazing Trails in Transition"**

Portland, OR

**" All the Key Policy/Legislation Information You Need to Know"**

October 2015

**19th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

**"Blazing Trails in Transition"**

Portland, OR

**"Implementation Strategies and Problem Solving Around Evidence-Based**

## **Transition Practices''**

August 2016

**PSEA Department of Pupil Services Annual Conference**

**“Step It Up! From Best to Next Practices”**

Penn State, PA

**“Social Thinking Across the Home and School Day: The ILAUGH Model”**

October 2016

**20th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

**“Riding the Wave of Transition”**

Myrtle Beach, SC

**“The P-16 Pipeline – Preparing for School Transition From Pre-K Through College: A School District Example”**

October 2016

**20th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

**“Riding the Wave of Transition”**

Myrtle Beach, SC

**“Want to Know More about DCDT’s New National Certification in Transition?”**

October 2016

**20th International Division of Career Development and Transition Conference**

**“Riding the Wave of Transition”**

Myrtle Beach, SC

**“A Study of Transition Coordinators’ Implementation of the Age Appropriate Transition Assessment Mandate.”**

March 2017

**Pennsylvania Department of Education Annual Conference 2017 – Making a Difference: Educational Practices That Work!**

Harrisburg, PA

**“A Study of Transition Coordinators’ Implementation of the Age Appropriate Transition Assessment Mandate.”**

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