

Developing Responsive Transition Services

A Collection of Related Web Sites

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1. On Campus Outreach On Line Training Modules takes you to an on-line needs assessment to assist you to evaluate services offered to a specific group of students within a school district, It was designed to look at services for students 17 and up with significant disabilities. There are step-by-step instructions, forms and a PowerPoint presentation to enable you to use the process with a committee. The assessment itself looks at educational settings, instructional support, inclusive opportunities, employment, recreation, travel skills and eligibility for adult services. One of the components I thought would be very helpful are the Action Plan and examples of changes, which may need to be made. There is no charge for accessing the on line module but you are asked to register as a user.

http://www.education.umd.edu/oco/oco_training_modules/

Developed by: (2003) (Online Training) On-Campus Outreach, an OSEP funded outreach project at the University of Maryland

2. Career Voyages is a fairly new website which offers information for students, parents, career changers and career counselors. It includes information on in demand jobs, new fields; education levels required for the jobs and has a collection of videos of people on the job. Also included are free on-line career exploration assessments and information about financing higher education.

www.CareerVoyages.gov

Developed by: US Department of Labor and US Department of Education

3. This site, YOUTHSPEAK, is a collection of presentations developed by adolescents in Maine. The presentations are organized around the question "What do I want my employers, family, teachers, health care provider and/or policy maker to know?" I like the voices of the students being added to the conversation and think it could promote interesting classroom discussions.

<http://www.ume.maine.edu/cci/matp/youthspeak/index.htm>

Developed by: The Maine Adolescent Transition Partnership and Maine Works for Youth! (Maine's Healthy and Ready to Work Program).

4. Project Teams (Transition, Employment, Mentoring and Self-Determination) provides a good collection of links to a wide variety of resources and has target areas for students, families and educators. Additionally it provides information on the Take Charge transition curriculum being implemented in Northern California.

<http://www.projectteams.org>

Developed by: PRIDE Industries with a grant from the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities,

5. TRANSITION LINK is set up as on line community as well as a place to share resources and ideas about transition. It also targets specific constituency groups such as, students, parents and transition personnel. There are articles, statistics and web

links available. One of the sections is downloads and there are materials available for families such “What families of transition aged students need to know about social security”.

<http://www.transitionlink.com/index.php>

Developed by: Transition Link.Com

6. DSCC Transition Information and Resources provides a number of resources, forms/checklists and information about social security work incentives and PASS plans. It has a unique focus on health care related issues pertinent to the transition from youth to adult and targets families.

<http://internet.dsccl.org/dscclroot/parents/transition.asp>

Developed by: The Illinois Division of Specialized Care for Children

7. The What Works Transition Research Synthesis Project is a new project funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). This project will synthesize the transition research of the past 20 years and disseminate its findings on Oct. 2004. The project is located on the National Center for Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) website. Both URL's are provided below. The national center provides technical assistances, resources coordination, leadership, and information dissemination to create opportunities for youth with disabilities to enjoy successful futures.

<http://www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=714> - What works data brief

<http://www.ncset.org/default.asp> -NCSET

Developed by: Institute on Community Integration University of Minnesota NCSET is an OSEP funded project

8. The PACER Center offers a website with links to post secondary, employment and transition resources through its Project SWIFT (Strategies for Workforce Inclusion and Family Training Project). One of the interesting features on this project is it's focus on the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the development of training for WIA “One Stop Center” staff to understand the “needs of people with disabilities, laws that relate to employment for people with disabilities, and disability awareness”. The Pacer Center is a national technical assistance center supporting parent training and information projects throughout the country, they also offer a list serve called TATRA which regularly forwards transition related resources and programs.

<http://www.pacer.org/swift/index.htm>

Developed by: PACER Center, Inc. funded by the US Department of Labor

9. National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) is concerned with ensuring youth with disabilities have access to integrated employment opportunities and quality independent living options. It maintains a database of promising practices and supports information dissemination collaboration, strengthening of workforce development programs and training of personnel working directly with youth.

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/about_us/index.html

Developed by: The NCWD/Youth is housed at the Institute for Educational Leadership and funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability

Employment Policy (ODEP),

10. The Transition Coalition is focused on improving access to quality staff development opportunities on transition. It provides a list of current projects and training activities as well as links sorted by topic areas. There are also two search options, one allows you to find transition projects by state and another allows you to search OSEP funded projects since 1996.

<http://www.transitioncoalition.org/index.html>

Developed by the Transition Coalition at the University of Kansas

11. Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities has available two on line courses for a small fee (\$30.00). One is called "Partners in Employment" and is a six-hour class targeted at students and enabling them to find a job they like and make plans for a career. The other, same price is a three-hour course targeted at families called "Making Your Case". It teaches political advocacy skills. Other resources available include and interactive workbook called "It's My Choice" and a book called "Stories of Leadership" which focuses on "Partners in Policy Making Graduates".

www.mncdd.org

Developed by; The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

Additional Transition and Career Development Related Sites

An annotated list collected by Brittany Lewis, Student Assistant

12. This Career Development Manual from the University of Waterloo lists out five steps in following the path to your success. Site states that starting with self assessment you would be able to overcome difficulty with handling changes in your career if not the career itself. Also has two shortcuts if visitors to this site don't have the time to go through all of the steps.

<http://www.cdm.uwaterloo.ca/step1.asp>

13. Mapping-your-future aims to bring together the expertise of the industry to provide free college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy services for students, families, and schools. Also have resources for middle school students up to adult students and student loan borrowers to financial aid professionals. Links in Spanish are also available on the site.

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org/>

14. This is a questionnaire created by a North Carolina State University professor. Asks a total of 44 questions on how well you are able to learn things, your most preferred way of learning, what you believe in (concepts or theories) etc. Gives you the results soon after and lets you know where you're weak and strong.

<http://www.engr.ncsu.edu/learningstyles/ilsweb.html>

15. The High School Ace is a website that is an academic homepage for high school students. Contains puzzles and quizzes dealing with the American History, civics,

economics, and many more. Also a great site for high school seniors and juniors to prepare for the SAT or Act.

www.highschoolace.com

16. Vocational Informational Center is a place where you can explore vocational and technical careers check out the skills employers really want, find a trade school, research technical topics and take a look at the current job market within it. With over 20 different resources there won't be a problem taking up a trade.

<http://www.khake.com/>

17. This CareersNow website is a site for youth in Southwest Florida providing resources to use in the discovery of career opportunities within their reach. Can view real life workers performing everyday jobs while hearing the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed. Also has separate links for resume and interview tips.

<http://www.careersnow.org/index2.htm>

18. America's Career InfoNet is a resource for making informed career decisions to support a demand-driven workforce investment system. While visiting this site, you will be able to create profiles listing employment, wages, skills, and more. You can also find education and training, a job, or even grow your business. A Financial Aid center is also available.

<http://www.acinet.org/acinet/default.asp>

19. Careers.org is available to visitors who are looking for a job, want more training for a better one, or desire to further their career goals. Search for jobs by occupational field, state, province or country. Find jobs with government or listed on state job service websites. Investigate job opportunities posted in internet newsgroups or newspaper classified ads. Also contains thousands of links to a wide variety of career resources.

<http://www.careers.org/>

20. Career Magazine provides industry specific career channels with a wealth of information tailored to your career goals. Select a career channel to research industry information, search jobs and build your portfolio. Job Seeker Tools, Featured Companies, and Career Resources all contain links to go into depth on that resource. Sending out your resume and reaching thousands of targeted hiring managers is another available resource.

<http://www.careermag.com/>

21. Career Net is related to the Career Magazine website. Also contains the 3 Quick Steps to job seeker success: Create a free account, research your industry, and search jobs.

<http://careernet.4jobs.com/>

22. Career Builder site allows you to create an account, find jobs, post resumes, receive job alerts, and get advice and resources. Is now offering an advanced matching engine that delivers the most relevant jobs to you. A link for college students who are looking for part time jobs, internships, or after college careers is also available.

<http://www.careerbuilder.com/>

23. Career shopper offers candidate services, employer services, hiring systems, and training technology to help you search for a career. There is also a separate link containing careers on this site.

<http://www.careershop.com/>

24. Bridges is for high school students (mainly seniors) as well as adults. Has a link designed for college students to achieve their college planning goals by preparing for the SAT called test gear. Also has links for educators to use.

<http://www.bridges.com/cpflorida/>

25. Recruiters On Line is the first place third party recruiters should come to execute internet strategy. Web sites, job publishing, and access to hundreds of thousands of resumes make Recruiters Online a good place to post your resume on the internet.

<http://www.recruitersonline.com/>

26. Learn more about your personal interest and style to identify potential careers and get some help on creating a career path that makes sense at the Princeton Review. You can check out certificate, associate, bachelor, master, and Ph.D. degree programs geared toward advancing your career. College, business school, law school, medical school, graduate school, and academic programs are helpful links that are also available.

<http://www.princetonreview.com/cte/default.asp>

27. The Riley Guide introduces you to the online job search, listing many online sites and services that are useful for your job search. They do not post jobs nor resumes but instead point you to the places that do. There is also an A-Z index to help guide you with your search.

<http://www.rileyguide.com/>

28. Career and Service Center is a local website that helps employees and employers find what their looking for in Fort Myers, Port Charlotte, Immokalee, Clewiston, and Naples. Site also contains a calendar of event and separate links fro Youth and USWorks.

<http://www.careerandservicecenter.org/index.htm>