

Transition Trends

September 2022



Welcome!

Welcome back to a new school year and this year's first edition of Transition Trends. This monthly newsletter is just one way the Special Education Department will work to keep parents abreast of all things transition. In addition to personalized transition plans developed in conjunction with you and your child's Special Education Team, this newsletter will provide you with information on upcoming school and community events, links to agencies and resources, and tips for how to get your child ready for what comes after high school!

Did You Know?



While Transition Planning must occur by the time your child turns 14, it is the practice of Eanes to address futures planning for all students, regardless of age. This is accomplished through completion of the **SPIN (Strengths, Preferences, Interests, and Needs)** document for students aged 3-12.

Beyond 12 years, students and families will complete an **Early Planning** or **Transition Planning Questionnaire**. Be on the lookout for these important documents prior to your child's Annual ARD meeting!

College Bound?



Is your child a high school senior planning for college next year? Is your child younger but you want to get a head start on college planning? Not sure where to start? Don't know what you don't know? The **National Technical Assistance Center for Transition** has published an amazing resource called the Post-Secondary Education and Training Preparation Toolkit that can help support. We've pulled out their handy **Month-to-Month Checklist** here to help get you started!

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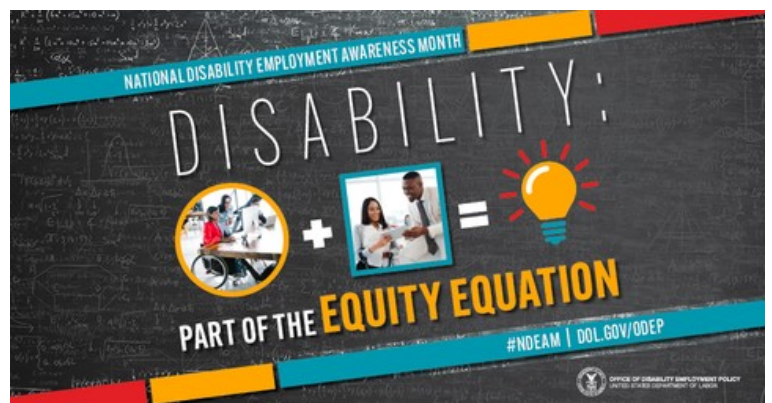


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Led by its Office of Disability Employment Policy, the department's annual observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month acknowledges the contributions to the nation's economy made by workers with disabilities, current and past. The commemoration also showcases supportive and inclusive policies and practices benefiting workers and employers.



Summer Internship Opportunity

The **American Association of People with Disabilities** is an organization working to increase the political and economic power of people with disabilities. Their **Summer Internship Program** places recent graduates with disabilities in Internships in Congressional offices, federal agencies, and non- and for-profit agencies in the Washington DC area. The application for Internships is open through October 24th. **Apply today!**

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EasterSeals, through their **Greenleaf Neurodiversity Community Center**, is currently enrolling adults with disabilities, ages 18+ for their **Adulting 101** program. This series of trainings will cover topics such as: career exploration, work readiness skills, financial literacy, and more! To get more information or to sign up on their interest list, click [here](#).



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Agency Connections

Texas Workforce Solutions

Texas Workforce Solutions is a state agency focused on helping people with disabilities find and maintain employment in their preferred field. For students as young as 14, they offer **Pre-ETS** (pre-employment transition services) to assist with development of self-advocacy, career exploration, post-secondary options, work readiness training, and workforce experiences. If you are interested in making a referral to TWS for your child, please contact your student's case manager.

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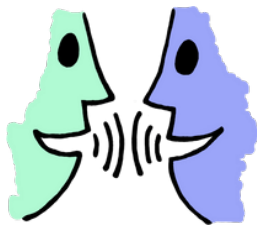
Parent Training Opportunities

New to the world of Special Education?
These on-demand informational videos can help:

[Special Education 101](#)
[ARD 101](#)



Be sure to check out additional parent resources on the Eanes ISD website [here](#)



Texas A&M is offering a series of trainings for parents of students with Autism who are under 22 years old. Trainings are available on a range of topics. They also offer training in communication skills and one-on-one coaching sessions in English and Spanish for parents. Don't miss this amazing opportunity! Click below for more information and registration.

[Coach2Communicate](#)

Where Do I Get Started?

The world of transition services can be daunting, but there are plenty of resources to help. The resources below can be a starting point for your child's journey into adulthood.

[Texas Transition and Employment Guide](#)

[Disability Services through Texas Health and Human Services Department](#)



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