

Parent Training: Understanding Interagency Collaboration

Building a Support Network for Students

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What is Interagency Collaboration?

- Interagency collaboration involves partnerships between schools, families, and community agencies.
 - The goal is to coordinate services to support students in transitioning to adulthood.
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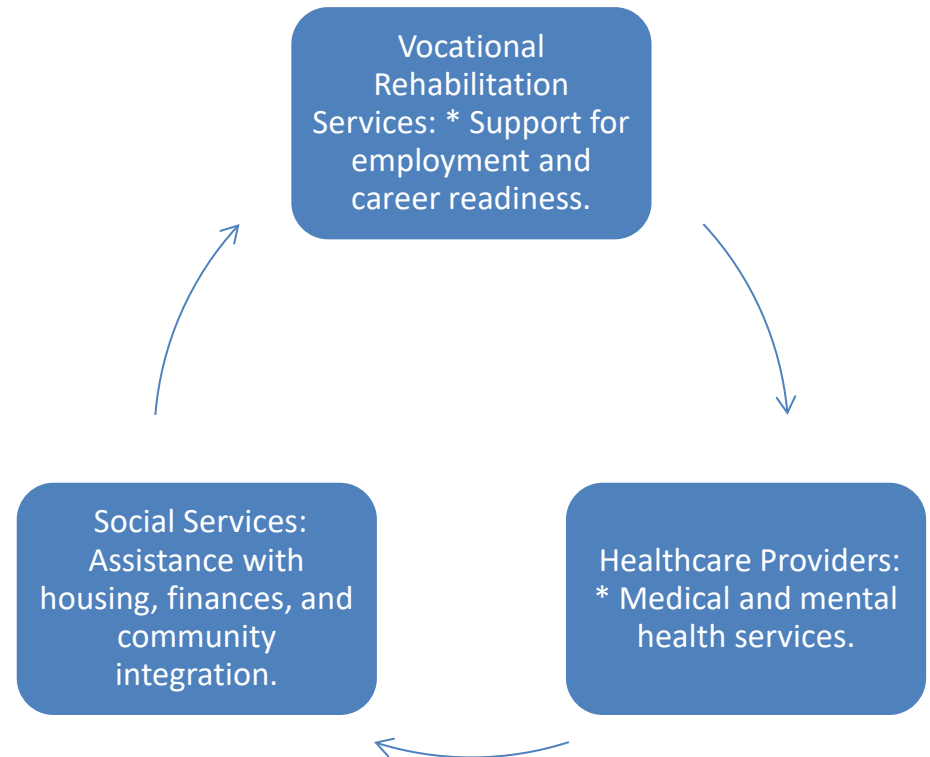
Importance of Interagency Collaboration

- Ensures students have access to comprehensive services (e.g., employment, health, independent living).

- Promotes a smoother transition from school to post-school life.

- Involves various agencies like vocational rehabilitation, healthcare, and social services.

Agencies Involved in Supporting Students



The Role of the School

- The school plays a central role in coordinating services.
- Schools work closely with agencies to ensure the student's needs are met.
- Transition planning in the IEP connects students to necessary resources.

The Role of Parents

- Parents are key advocates for their child.
- Collaborating with schools and agencies helps ensure the best outcomes.
- Stay informed about services and supports available to your child.



Transition Planning and Interagency Support

- Transition planning begins at age 14 and continues through age 21.

- The IEP team will include representatives from agencies that provide adult services.

- Coordinated efforts ensure students are prepared for life after high school.

How to Access Interagency Services

- Attend IEP meetings to discuss which agencies should be involved.
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- Request evaluations or referrals for services as needed.
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- Research local, state, and federal programs that offer support for individuals with disabilities.

Resources for Interagency Collaboration

- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR):** www.ovr.org
- Social Security Disability Services:** www.ssa.gov
- Local Transition Coordinators**
- Community Mental Health Services**

Q&A

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