

Working with Core Teams



Transition Symposium
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LRS Mission Statement

To assist persons with disabilities in their desire to obtain or maintain employment and/or to achieve independence in their communities by providing rehabilitation services and working cooperatively with business and other community resources.

Purpose of Transition

- starts the student/parent thinking about the future
- identifies current and future needs, interests and preferences
- plans a course of study, to reach dreams and goals
- identifies supports and services needed for success
- ensures learning to the maximum extent appropriate within the general curriculum and environment



Lafayette Parish Core Team

- Reorganized in 2008
- LRS staff met with LPSS staff to discuss transition issues
- Recruited agencies and vendors to participate in discussion
- Found a need to work together with community partners to provide services to the students of Lafayette parish.

Partners

- Local School system (public and private)
- Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
- Acadiana Area Human Services District (OCDD)
- Families Helping Families
- Community Rehab Providers
- Career Solutions Center / Workforce Investment Board
- Department of Education
- Lafayette Consolidated Government – Therapeutic Recreation
- College / University / Vocational school personnel
- Other community partners

Transition Core Team

- Meets on a quarterly basis
- Networking and sharing information about updates and changes in services
- Facilitating referrals
- Planning Senior Linkage meetings for students
- Sponsoring activities (Resource Fair)

Agency Resource Fair

- Providing resources to students and parents regarding post secondary services
- Held in the Spring semester
- Planning starts in August
- Target Group changes every other year
- Vendor booths, student workshops, parent workshops
- Keynote speaker
- Bingo Card, Door prizes, UL Football team, Music
- Lunch/Refreshments (Pro Start & CBT Class)

Agency Resource Fair



Participants

- Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
- Lafayette Business & Career Solutions Center
- Families Helping Families
- Exiting Pathways Program (LPSS)
- Supported Employment vendors
- Southwestern Independent Living Center
- Acadiana Area Human Service District (OCDD)
- UL - Lafayette (Disability Services & Admissions)
- ARC of Acadiana
- LARC
- Lafayette Parks & Recreation – Therapeutic Recreation
- Affiliated Blind of LA
- Airway Home Medical Equipment
- DREAMS Foundation
- 232-HELP
- South Louisiana Community College (Disability Services & Admissions)
- Autism Society of Acadiana
- Medicaid Purchase Plan
- Acadiana Therapeutic Riding Organization

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Student Workshops

- Work Readiness
- Mock Interview
- Recreation / Leisure
- Attitude
- How to Dress for Success
- UL and SLCC information

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Parent Workshops

- Benefits Planning (Social Security)
- AAHSD/OCDD services
- Wills and Special Needs Trusts
- Job Placement services

Lafayette Transition

- 7 public high schools, 1 private
- Spoke to staff regarding eligibility criteria and looking for information in school records (IEP, counselor) regarding hidden disabilities
- Fall – coordinate with LPSS transition team to review Senior class list
- Schedule time to coordinate linkage meetings
- LPSS staff contacts teachers and parents
- Fall - IEP meetings held at schools for exiting seniors
- Spring – IEP meetings held for students waiting for testing scores
- Referral is taken if appropriate; appointment will be scheduled.
- Appointments can take place at LRS office and/or school
- Contact with guidance counselors

LRS SERVICES

- Career guidance and counseling
- Job placement
- Supported Employment
- On-The-Job Training (OJT)
- Work readiness Training
- Vo-Tech training
- Community College / University
- Books/Supplies
- Transportation
- Maintenance
- Equipment/Occupational Tools
- Assistive Technology
- Mental/Physical Restoration

Business & Career Solutions Center

- Virtual One Stop
- Transition staff assist teachers and students to register for account
- Teachers allow classroom time for career exploration
- Field trip to center
- Services: Career exploration, research employers, work readiness skills, job listings

Future Goals

- Disability Job Fair workshops
- Teacher & Guidance Counselor resource fair
- Connect with Career Exploration day with school system



Through the collaborations of the core team meetings, we have been able to develop partnerships with other agencies to establish a common goal for our students of Lafayette Parish.



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Questions

