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TRANSITION WEB RESOURCES July 2009

This is not an exhaustive list, if you have a resource to add, please email me at tmclaugh@fcsn.org

www.fcsn.org The Federation for Children with Special Needs is a center for parents and parent organizations working together on behalf of children with special needs and their families.

<http://www.fcsn.org/pti/topics/transition/index.html> link to downloadable FCSN transition info, resources & workshop materials.

www.communityinclusion.org the Institute for Community Inclusion at site has a varied list of all their publications

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.asp?id=3295> **Transition Planning Form** – The two-page TPF guides and documents the transition planning discussion is a mandated document for districts to demonstrate compliance with the transition requirements of transition planning in IDEA 2004.

<http://massworks.org> Designed with disability, employment & workforce development professionals in mind, this site provides access to information on promising practices, new developments in state, training and resources to assist individuals with disabilities with their employment goals.

www.DisabilityInfo.gov Designed as a one stop source of government info relevant to people with disabilities, their families, employers and service providers; contains info on civil rights, education, employment, housing, healthcare, technology and transportation.

www.ncset.org National Center on Secondary Education and Transition, E-News, publications, events, and more.

<http://www.nsttac.org> National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center, a national Technical Assistance and Dissemination center funded by USDOE Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) NSTTAC's purpose is to assist states in building their capacity to support and improve transition planning, services, & outcomes for youth with disabilities. **NEW** Fact sheets: appropriate **Transition assessments** & student involvement.

http://www.ncwd-youth.info/resources_&Publications/assessment.html National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability

www.youthhood.org NCSET's new interactive Web-based curriculum for youth

www.transitioncoalition.org/ The Transition Coalition at U of Kansas offers information, support, and linkages to professionals, family members, individuals w disabilities and others interested or involved in the transition from school to adult life.

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/links/transition.html> Transition info on the MA DESE website

<http://www.nlts2.org/> National Longitudinal Transition Study-2 NLTS2 has recently updated the website and features a keyword search function to help access topics of interest in the many reports currently available on the site.

http://www.dcdt.org/cms_files/resources/IDEA2004.pdf IDEA (2004) Regulations Related to Secondary Transition. On August 14, 2006, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) released official regulations for Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004). This document is designed to provide a quick reference to regulations, comments, and discussions related to secondary transition. For additional information, check out www.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/idea2004.html#final-regs

Postsecondary Options

www.ahead.org the Association for Higher Education and Disability, (main offices at UMASS/Boston)

<http://transitiontocollege.net/> For students with intellectual disabilities considering college, a new website created by the Post-Secondary Education Research Center (PERC) project offers overviews and links to a number of programs.

www.thinkcollege.net ...a new site with information about living college life with a disability. Designed for teens w disabilities, video clips, activities, information, & additional resources to help students get a head start planning for college.

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/assets/background/disabilities-and-community-colleges.pdf> Prepared by NCWD/Youth and Workforce Strategy Center, this case study report examines the efforts of community colleges to function as intermediaries in meeting the local workforce development needs of employers. It identifies promising practice models of collaboration between career services and disability student services to promote career opportunities and job attainment for students with disabilities. Available in pdf (81 pages).

<http://www.going-to-college.org/> a new site with info about living college life with a disability. It is designed for teens with disabilities, provides video clips, activities, information, & additional resources that can help students get a ready for college.

<http://www.jff.org/KnowledgeCenter/On+Ramp+to+College:+A+State+Policymaker%92s+Guide+to+Dual+Enrollment.html> **Dual enrollment**; reviews trends in a growing number of states that see dual enrollment as a way to expand college opportunity - particularly for students who might not traditionally be considered college-bound.

www.ets.org Educational Testing Service, disability identify documentation necessary to take the college boards w accommodations.

www.collegeboard.com eligibility, accommodations, etc.

<http://www.heath.gwu.edu/> The National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities. Click on 'Resources' and see another fantastic Transition website list that is updated regularly.

www.masscc.org info regarding all state community colleges, with maps to get there.

<http://www.bazon.org/l21/rightsguide.htm> This 27-page guide from The Bazon Center for Mental Health Law is designed to inform students who want to seek help for mental illness or emotional disorders about their legal rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and other laws.

<http://www.vacollegequest.org/rules/Differences%20in%20Legal%20Rights.pdf> legal rights and responsibilities secondary & postsecondary ed

www.rrtc.hawaii.edu the new center on Postsecondary Education Supports with new cutting edge info and strategies

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html> - OCR; "Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education"

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html> US Office of Adult and Vocational Education. The OVAE website has information, research, & resources to help prepare young people and adults for postsecondary education, successful careers, & productive lives

www.ed.gov/thinkcollege/early/educators/mind.htm US Dept. of Education website

<http://www.ccdanet.org/> WNY Collegiate Consortium and Disability Advocates. CCDA, is comprised of a group of postsecondary and secondary education professionals, and community and government agency representatives working with students with disabilities. Legal rights and responsibilities. Great charts and Transition planning resources.

<http://www.washington.edu/doi/> Was just about assistive technology, now has lots of short papers for students, families, and educators on pithy issues, like what kind of experiences besides education students should have before coming to college, volunteer work, etc.

<http://www.mappingyourfuture.org/> a government sponsored website that assists in the typical process of going to college, good baseline info, map out your preferences, person centered planning.

Vocational Rehabilitation, Workplace Supports, and Employment

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/intersection/index.html>. Navigating the Road to Work is the electronic newsletter of the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth)

www.worksupport.com Virginia Commonwealth University RRTC on Workplace Supports and Job Retention, supports that are most effective for assisting individuals with disabilities maintain employment and advance careers.

www.onestops.info One Stop Career centers are the primary mechanism for delivery of activities under WIA (Workforce Investment Act)

www.ncwd-youth.info National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth assists state and local workforce development systems to better serve youth with disabilities

<http://ma.easterseal's.com> Easter Seals offers School to Work Services, check it out.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html> Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation Services

<http://janweb.icdi.wva.edu> Job Accommodation Network (JAN) Free service. Info on job accommodations, ADA, & employability

<http://www.massmatch.org/> all of the AT information and resources available in Massachusetts in one easy to use location. MassMATCH is the Commonwealth's initiative to Maximize Assistive Technology (AT) in Consumer's Hands.

www.emstac.org Early Career Awareness and Development for Students with Disabilities in Elementary and Middle Schools: An Overview of Early Career and Transition Programs

Person Centered Planning

<http://www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=1431> Nichcy's "Tools for Transition".

<http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/edi/pcp/> A Person Centered Planning Education site, an overview of the PCP process

<http://www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=1431>

www.inclusion.com a site about all aspects of inclusion and the Person Centered Planning Process.

<http://www.allenshea.com/resource.html> A resource list on person centered planning

http://thechp.syr.edu/PCP_History.pdf The origins of Person Centered Planning.

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/ConsumerCorner/ThinkPlanDo.cfm> some interesting and very user friendly transition planning & self advocacy info on the consumer page of the California DDS website.

<https://trn-store.com/drupal/taxonomy/term/10> Resources on the full inclusion of people with disabilities in their communities.

Health and Transition

www.massfamilyties.org Statewide info & support network for families of children with disabilities & chronic healthcare

This page of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities Web site maintains resources for transition issues for children and teens with disabilities, their families, providers, and communities.

<http://transitions.canchild.ca/en/OurResearch/resources/BestPractices.pdf> Best Practice Guidelines for transition to adulthood, written using the words of youth, parents, community members, service providers, educators and researchers in Ontario, Canada.

<http://hctransitions.ichp.ufl.edu/gladd/> The Massachusetts Disability Employment Initiative has launched a new website called "Talking with Your Doctor and Other Healthcare Professionals". This site is geared towards helping youth feel more comfortable talking to their healthcare provider.. For more information go to <http://hctransitions.ichp.ufl.edu/gladd/>

<http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=618> This page of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities Web site maintains resources for transition issues for children and teens with disabilities, their families, providers, and communities.
<http://www.communityinclusion.org/pdf/man8.pdf> for families& teens with special health care needs & disabilities transitioning to adult life
<http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/faculty/jfleitas/bandaides/sitemap.html> **Band aids & Blackboards** This is a site about growing up with medical problems ...any ole type. Its goal is to help people understand what it's like, from the perspective of the children and teens who are doing just that.

Housing and Community

www.housingworks.net Info on affordable housing in MA and VT
www.chapa.org A guidebook for people with disabilities interested in homeownership.
www.arcmass.org The ARC of Massachusetts
http://www.tacinc.org/Docs/HH/Sect8_2ndEd.pdf Section 8 Made Simple: Housing Choice Voucher Program.
<http://chance.unh.edu> Visit for information on home ownership for people with disabilities.
<http://www.ilru.org/html/training/webcasts/handouts/2002/10-09-JK/housing.html> research, education & consultation in the areas of independent living, the ADA, home and community based services and health issues for people with disabilities.
<http://www.mass.gov/mrc> Search for home modification for info on this topic and the loan program
<http://thechp.syr.edu/hgen.htm> Organizations/General resources concerned with Housing Options

Self Determination and Self Advocacy

www.self-determination.com National Center on Self Determination
<http://www.self-determination.org> Office on Self-Determination, has links to disability related info/resources
www.pyd.org Partners for Youth with Disabilities empowers young people w disabilities to reach full potential development.
www.nyln.org National Youth Leadership Network, promotes leadership development in the US.
<http://www.travelinstruction.org/> Association of Travel Instruction Web site. Site promotes transportation independence.

Estate Planning

www.nichcy.org/pubs/outprint/nd18.pdf from the NICHCY website
http://www.disabilitiesbooks.com/special_needs_trust/index.html "The Special Needs Trust Administration Manual: A Guide for Trustees" reference guide for anyone who is managing a special needs trust for a person with disabilities
http://www.disabilitiesbooks.com/special_needs_trust/index.html **The Special Needs Trust Administration Manual: A Guide for Trustees. 2005 Edition** ; updated, uncomplicated, user-friendly reference guide for managing special needs trust for a person with disabilities.

Government Benefits

www.ssa.gov The Red Book, a general reference source about employment-related provisions of Social Security Disability Insurance & Supplemental Security Income programs for educators, advocates, rehab professionals, and counselors serving people with disabilities.
<http://www.ssa.gov/redbook/> A Guide to Work Incentives (April 2009) **The Red Book** serves as a general reference source about the employment-related provisions of Social Security Disability Insurance and the Supplemental Security Income Programs for educators, advocates, rehabilitation professionals, and counselors serving people with disabilities.
<https://s044a90.ssa.gov/apps7/best/benefits/> SSA's online screening tool, assist w determining potential SSA eligibility
<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/iAppeals/ap001.jsp> . Online appeal of Social Security disability claim decision.
<http://www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=938> "So You Have Decided to Apply" Tailored for parents of youth with disabilities, the brief details the step by step process of applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
<http://www.mass.gov/dds> MA Department of Developmental Services
<http://www.mass.gov/mrc> MA Rehabilitation Commission
www.doe.mass.edu/sped/ Office of Special Education at MA Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html> US Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation Services
<http://youth.eeoc.gov/index.html> The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) website for Youth, culturally responsive transition planning.

Learning Disability sites:

www.ncld.org National Center for Learning Disabilities; increase opportunities for individuals with LD to achieve their potential.
www.ldam.org L D Worldwide, non-profit, organization for individuals w learning disabilities, their families, & professionals.
<http://www.allkindsofminds.org/> Dr. Mel Levine's site, e-newsletter, great resources and help on learning differences
www.ldonline.org A leading learning disabilities website for parents and professionals
www.schwablearning.org a free and comprehensive website that offers reliable, research-based content to help parents
www.concordspedpac.org Terrific links!

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