

Navigating for Adult Life Supporting Students Through Secondary Transition



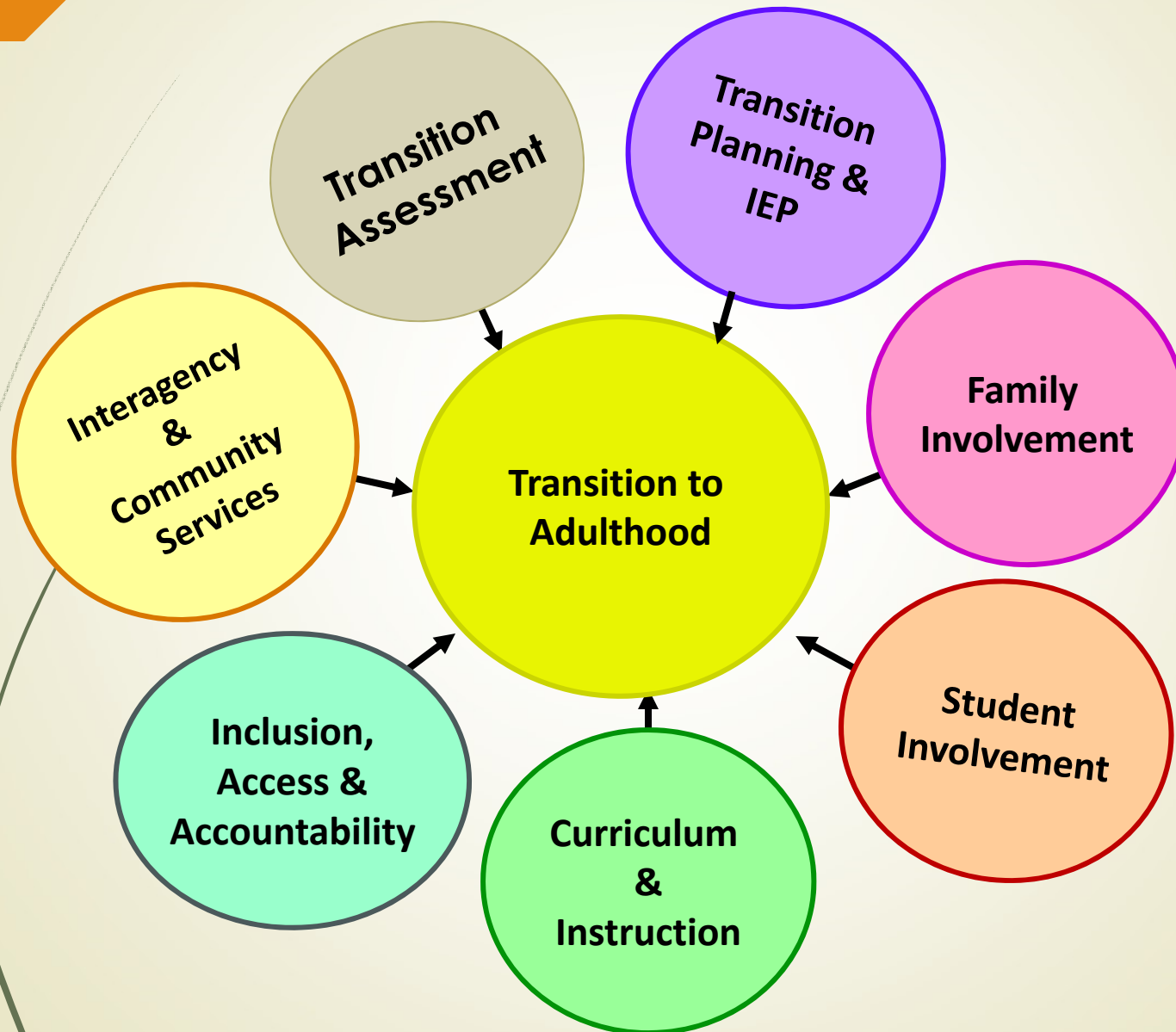
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Why Spend More Effort on Secondary Transition?

- ▶ Students with disabilities face barriers
- ▶ Planning for transition to adulthood is required by law
- ▶ The Arc of Tennessee's Secondary Transition Handbook

Critical Elements of Transition

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Definition of Transition Services

Coordinated set of Activities

- Results-Oriented Process
- Improves the Academic and Functional Achievement
- Facilitates the Student's to Post-School Activities

Transition Assessments....

- Age Appropriate Transition Assessments
- Purpose of Transition Assessments



Secondary Transition Plan: Details

- ▶ Plan of Study
- ▶ Education/Training
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Independent Living
- ▶ Interagency Collaboration

**STUDENT'S PREFERENCES,
INTERESTS, AND NEEDS**

Elements of Adult Life

- Living
- Working
- Learning
- Loving
- Being
- Supports



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Secondary Transition Goal Example

Upon completion of high school, Paulo will prepare for work each day by dressing, making his bed, making his lunch, and accessing transportation. (*separate, independent living*)

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Secondary Transition Goal Example

Upon completion of high school, George will pursue a general associates degree program at a community college in August of 2017. *(separate, education or training)*

When a Student Turns 18 . . .

- Specific Rights Transfer to Student
- Documentation in the IEP
 - Meeting Notifications
 - Notification and Consent for Evaluation
 - Selection of IEP Participants
 - Approval of IEP Contents
 - Approval of IEP Changes/Placement

Secondary Transition is a Process

- Addressed Annually in an IEP Team Meeting
 - Identification of Preferences, Interests, and Needs
 - Student Vision for the Future
 - Secondary Transition Plan in the IEP
 - Implementation of IEP
 - Evaluation of Results

Responsibility for Secondary Transition Plan Outcomes?

The Buck Stops with the School System



Online Resources

- ▶ Tennessee Disability Pathfinder
<http://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/pathfinder/>
- ▶ Transition Coalition Training Modules
<http://transitioncoalition.org>
- ▶ Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment
<http://www.ou.edu/education/centers-and-partnerships/zarrow.html>
- ▶ National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center on Transition
<http://transitionta.org/>
- ▶ National Center on Secondary Education and Transition www.ncset.org

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