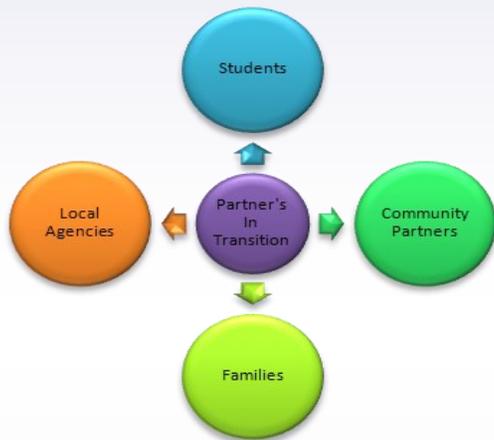


## Who We Are

Transition is the process of preparing to move from school to adult life and involves planning, goal setting, instruction, instruction services and activities. *Partners In Transition* is a multidisciplinary team that addresses the unique needs of persons with disabilities post-high school, including employment and training, postsecondary education and their desired living accommodations. The council was formed in 2005 and seeks to provide a



seamless transition into adult life for students with disabilities that afford them a variety of outcomes and choices such as: living independently or semi-independently, obtaining meaningful paid employment, participating in post-secondary education and enjoying a variety of leisure and recreational activities.



## What We Do

Partners In Transition works with students, young adults, families and community stakeholders in a variety of ways to increase and enhance the post-school lives of students with disabilities. *Partners in Transition* works collaboratively to:

- ◆ Develop partnerships with local businesses and community organizations.
- ◆ Educate local businesses with respect to the benefits of employing students with disabilities and the local supports that are available for businesses who hire individuals with disabilities.
- ◆ Coordinate and providing workshops and educating parents, students and transition professionals on transition related topics.
- ◆ Recruit local stakeholders to participate in the *Partners in Transition* council as members or consultants.
- ◆ Facilitate communication between local agencies to increase capacity and effectiveness of existing resources.
- ◆ Build a network that will provide a greater variety of post-school outcomes for students with disabilities.

## Areas of Need

Collier is a vibrant county with many opportunities for students and adults with disabilities. Specifically, *Partners In Transition* is seeking to develop and increase access for persons with disabilities to:

- ◆ Paid and unpaid work experiences.
- ◆ Vocational training opportunities for students and adults.
- ◆ A variety of local supported and affordable housing.
- ◆ Leisure and recreational activities.
- ◆ Post-secondary educational experiences.



## Getting Involved

*Partners In Transition* welcomes community members, parents, students and young adults to participate in the council, as member consultants or in another capacity. The council meets quarterly at the CCPS Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center. If you would like more information regarding *Partners In Transition*, including a schedule of meetings and events or would like to become involved in the council—please contact Richard Duggan (CCPS ESE Coordinator for High Schools) at (239) 377-0120, [dugganri@collierschools.com](mailto:dugganri@collierschools.com).



## Transition Glossary



- Career Assessment** A process, beginning as early as elementary school and continuing through adulthood, that assists a student in developing educational plans to acquire skills related to employment.
- Community-based Instruction** Regularly scheduled educational experiences conducted outside the school setting.
- Interagency Collaboration** A process among several agencies in a given community that involves the co-planning of service delivery and the shared responsibility for the services provided for students with disabilities.
- Job Coach** A professional or paraprofessional who provides individual or group assistance to a student in job placement, travel training, and skill training at a job site.
- Mentoring** An instructional process, usually one-to-one, that involves an individual with knowledge, expertise, or experience working with a student to transfer information and skills.
- Self-advocacy** The ability of a student to effectively communicate or assert interests, desires, needs, and rights, as well as to explain his or her disability and its effects on learning and other life activities.
- Transition Services** A group of coordinated activities provided over a period of time that support a student with a disability in the transition from high school to adult life. These services focus on what the student wants to do after high school in the areas of education or training, employment, and community living.
- Vocational Assessment** A comprehensive process conducted over a period of time that serves as a basis for planning an educational program. Its purpose is to identify individual characteristics, education, and training needs.

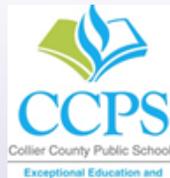
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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	<a href="http://rehabworks.org">rehabworks.org</a>
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Project 10: Transition Education Network	<a href="http://project10.info/">project10.info/</a>
Southwest Florida Works	<a href="http://swflworks.org">swflworks.org</a>
United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Florida Aka Sunrise Community of Collier County	<a href="http://sunrisegroup.org">sunrisegroup.org</a>

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