



Westchester Institute
for Human Development

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Welcome!

Community Support Network Transition Institute 2021

What does transition look li

Success through collaboration,
— helping students prepare for —
life after high school

Our Team of Transition Coordinators

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East Ramapo Central School District

- Monthly meetings
- Monthly meetings with Westchester counterparts
- Rockland County Transition Consortium
- Challenge Collaborative



What We Do/Our Responsibilities:

- Assessments & Activities
- OPWDD
- ACCES-VR
- Collaborate and share resources
- Monthly Planning
- WRIDE
- Pre-ETS endeavor with Bridges
- ½ day work program with life skills
- Provide information for annual review meetings



Informal Transition Assessments

Students learn more about themselves in the areas of self - determination, education, career and independent living, strengths, preferences and interests.



- Year Twelve Assessment and/or (Level 1)
 - What is my Learning Style?
 - Skills Assessments
 - Career Interest Inventory
 - Personality Profile
 - Independent Living Assessment
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New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

ADULT CAREER & CONTINUING ED SERVICES

ACCESS

Adult Career and Continuing
Education -Vocational
Rehabilitation

Assists individuals with disabilities to find and maintain employment.

- Pre-Employment Training
 - Self-Advocacy Training
 - Career Assessments (DVE)
 - Job Placement
 - Job Training
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WRIDE Program Work Readiness Internship Development Experience



Pre-Employment Training program provided by ACCES -VR that culminates in a paid summer internship.

- Training usually begins in the spring with a series of job skill development classes
- Evaluations are provided at the end of the 6 week experience
- Job Coaching Supports are provided based on student need
- Efforts are made to place students in internships that match their areas of interest.

PreETS Endeavor with BRIDGES

Pre-Employment Training Services

6-Week Remote Career and Post -Secondary Readiness Program

- Job Exploration
- Work-Readiness Training
- Promotion of Self -Advocacy
- Counseling on Post -Secondary Education



People With
Developmental
Disabilities



OPWDD

Office for People with
Developmental Disabilities

- Habilitation
 - Clinical Services
 - Family Support
 - Job Coaching
 - Vocational Training
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ETP Program with OPWD

Paid for School Work
Experience

Once eligible for OPWDD, students can apply to the ETP Program and be paid for the work they do while in school. Lynn has had a number of students participate in this opportunity.

Monthly Planning

- Transition Packet (Getting to Know You)
- Student/Parent Level One Interviews
- Agency Referrals
- Assessments
- IEP Annual Reviews
- Level One Teacher Questionnaire Development
- BRIDGES PreETS/Internships
- Collaborative Meetings
- Share ideas and new information
- Discuss student and parent issues
- Share job site locations



Collaborating and Sharing Resources

Rockland Transition Consortium

Rockland County Challenge Collaborative

School, community agency and business partnerships

- WRIDE
- BRIDGES PreETS Program

WECA- Work Experience Coordinators Association

RSGTASC-Regional Special Education - Technical Assistance & Support Center



Rick's CVI/CBI Programs
Lynn's CHOICE Program
Judy's Vocational Program

COMMUNITY VOCATIONAL
INSTRUCTION & COMMUNITY
BASED INSTRUCTION

Job Lessons/Employment

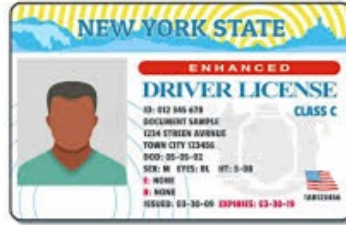


- Post employment opportunities when available - Bi-Monthly Job List
- Individual and Group Lessons on Job Applications and Interviewing Skills
- WRIDE, PreETS Program, ACCESSVR services, ETP Program, Rockland County Youth Bureau, Volunteer Experiences, School Enterprises, School Work Based Learning Programs and CDOS Programs
- Website - Virtual Job Lesson, Virtual Interview Lesson, Practice Job Forms, Job & Volunteer Postings, Events & Info, Links, Etc.

How Do We Build & Prepare our Students for World of Work?

- WRIDE
- Pre-ETS
- CDOS/WBL Programs
- Lynn's half-day program
- SVHS's CVI & CBI programs
- Summit's Vocational Program
- ETP Program with OPWDD
- Job Lessons/Employment
- ACCES-VR/OPWDD referrals
- Assessments & Activities





NYS Permit Testing

Students in Nyack are able to take the permit test in the Transition Office. This reduces the amount of time spent at the DMV for parents. Taking the test in school also helps to reduce anxiety and stress some students face when taking tests.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Questions/Comments

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