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September 18, 2017



Connecting Youth to Communities, College and Careers



PACER Center's Project Launch

Partner with parent centers in KY, OH, IN

Provide training and information to youth and families

Employment Options

Postsecondary Options

Independent Living Goals

Collaborate with Vocational Rehab, Centers of Independent Living, Employers, Workforce Centers.

Activities: Special workshops

Develop and present 6 basic special workshops

- Rural
- Urban
- New employment focused workshops

Activities: Broaden impact

Strengthen Linkages and partnerships

- Local
- State
- National Agencies

Activities: Diverse families

Develop and Facilitate Workshops Without Walls

- African American
- Hmong
- Hispanic/Latino
- Southeast Asian
- Native Americans
- New Refugee/Immigrant populations
- Underserved/underrepresented

Activities: Information & Assistance

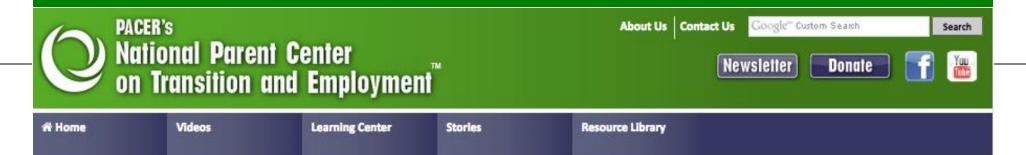
Provide information and individual assistance

- Transition information
- Client Assistance Program
- Rehabilitation Act
- ADA
- Ticket-to-Work
- The Work Incentive Improve Act
- Employment Legislation

Resource Library

www. PACER.org/transition/resource-library

pacer.org/transition





Features



Vote! It's Your Right and Responsibility

A message from the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability Rights Oregon and the Oregon Secretary of State.



10 Tips for Voters With Disabilities





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Project Launch

Your trusted source for information on career exploration, employment, and vocational rehabilitation for youth and young adults with disabilities

For transition-age youth and young adults with disabilities, success often depends on having the right services in place to support employment, education, and inclusion in the community. Fortunately, there are laws that help.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Rehabilitation Act, the Workforce Investment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guarantee people with disabilities a free and appropriate education, ensure civil rights, and protect young adults from employment discrimination based on their disabilities.



Funded by the Rehabilitation Act, Project Launch works in partnership with parent centers in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio to help youth, adults, families, professionals, and employers understand how these laws can help individuals with disabilities create a positive future.

How Project Launch Helps

Through individual assistance, workshops, resources, and more, Project Launch helps youth and young adults with disabilities pursue meaningful careers, live as independently as possible, and enjoy inclusion at work and in the community.

Project Launch provides a practical website and an array of helpful publications, webinars, parent tip sheets, and videos on

Parent Center Partners

Project Launch works in partnership with parent centers

Indiana: IN*Source

Kentucky: KY-SPIN

Ohio: OCECD

Visiting College and University Campuses 🖹

Preparing for postsecondary education takes careful planning on the part of the student, his or her family, school personnel, and college and university staff. For students thinking about furthering their education, one step in planning and preparing for postsecondary life is by visiting college campuses. This PACER publication highlights some helpful activities for the visit.

Frequently asked questions about career exploration for youth with disabilities 🖹

Career exploration is an

Activities: Future

Years 4 and 5 Focus

- New trainings on careers and postsecondary topics
- Assistive technology for school
- Workplace Accommodations
- Career Curriculum and continued product development



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WIOA Student & Family Support Project



Who we are



The LINK Center connects families and individuals with disabilities who are transition age (14-26) to information, supports and services to achieve their future vision.

The Parent Training and Information Center is a project of the Federation. It provides free information, support, technical assistance and affordable workshops to families who have children with disabilities and the professionals who work with them.





WIOA Student and Family Support Project

- Project overview
- 3 main goals
- Measurable goals
- Goals detailed
- Case example
- LINK Center projects





WIOA Student & Family Support Project

Collaboration between FCSN and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

- ✓ Provide pre-employment transition services to students with disabilities ages 16-22 and their families
- √ Transition Family Support Specialists
 - Statewide reach
 - Act as liaisons to MRC
 - Support students and families



Three Main Goals

- 1. Partnership with MRC area offices to offer transition workshops for MRC counselors, families, and professionals.
- 2. Provide transition resources through websites, webinars, workshops, materials, and phone calls.
- 3. Referral based face-to-face transition support for vocational rehabilitation eligible students and families.



Measureable Goals

- 1 workshop for every MRC area office
 (24) per year
- 1 workshop for every pre-ETS vendor per year
- 1 workshop for each area office community per year (24)
- 250 face-to-face meetings
- Impact 2500 families, students, and professionals statewide per year



Partnership with MRC

Provide training to MRC counselors, pre-employment transition services vendors, community partners, schools, students, and families

- Improve MRC's understanding of working with families and schools through trainings and technical assistance
- Improve family and student understanding of eligibility services and the MRC process and connect them with resources
- Provide training regarding transition to MRC vendors and community partners



Outreach and Resources

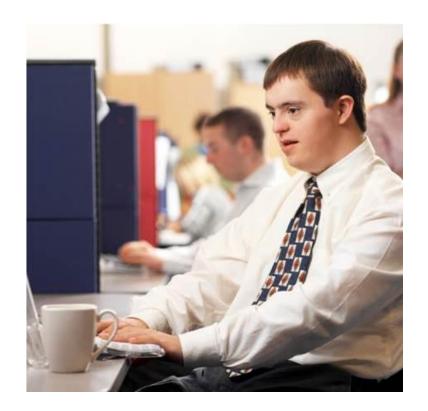
- Transition Family Support Specialists
 - Outreach team (Spanish, Vietnamese,
 Chinese, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole)
- LINK Center website
- Call center
- Workshops
- Webinars
- TIPS brochures





Face-to-Face Transition Support

- One time meeting
- Must be MRC eligible consumer
- Referrals from MRC





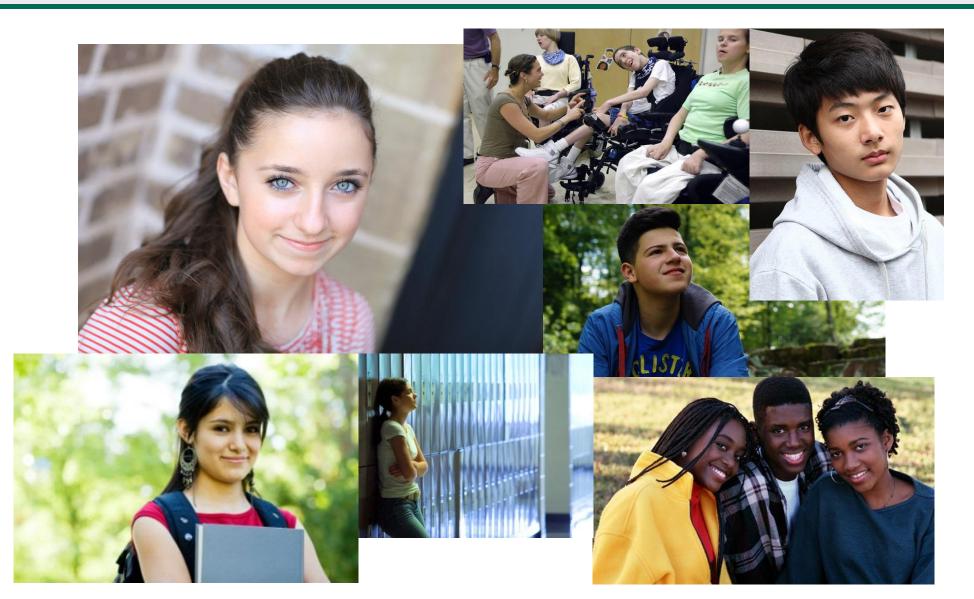
Face-to-Face continued

Primary goal of the meeting is to increase knowledge around planning for life after high school through:

- Person-centered planning
- Goal setting support
- Connecting to resources



Case Example





LINK Center Projects

- Planning a Life Conference 2 day transition planning conference (3 x per year)
- TIPS brochures partnership with MA Dep. of Ed
- Becoming a Leader: Youth Leadership Forum at Visions of Community Conference
- Youth Advisory Board and Facebook group
- WIOA Project Advisory Board
- Transition Family Guide Book
- Transition Listserv



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OPEN DOORS FOR MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES



WHO WE SERVE

Culturally & Linguistically Diverse families who have loved ones with developmental/intellectual disabilities & special health care needs

MISSION

Equal access to culturally and linguistically appropriate information, resources & services



MULTICULTURAL PARENT TRAINING & INFORMATION CENTER PROGRAM



CLD youth & families:

➤ Increase knowledge about transition & related services in their primary language



➤ Increase access to culturally responsive transition related services

Service System & Professionals



➤ Increase capacity to meet the need of CLD youth and their families

PUBLICATION: Information Resource Guides



- Available from ODMF website
- Disseminated in-person at:
 - County Transition Fairs
 - WA State transition conference
 - Presentations with transition-related professionals
 - → More outreach activities planned for FY4-5.

Upcoming Publication:

 Security: Legal, Finance & Health

PUBLICATION: Transition Video Series

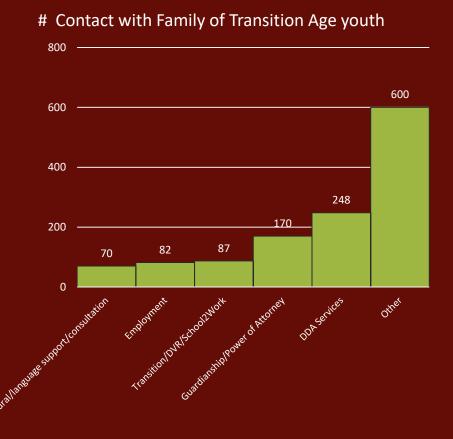


Link: Section 1

- ➤ Information & Resources from Transition Guide
 - > Introduction
 - Discovery & Decision Making
 - School Based Transition Services
 - ➤ Daily Life: Work, College, IL
 - Safety: Legal, Finances & Health
- Interviews with CLD self-advocates and parents
- ➤ Upcoming Publications:
 - What is Transition?
 - Person-Centered Planning
 - Disability Disclosure

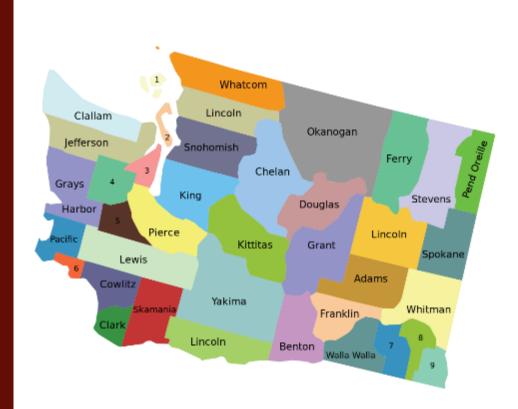
STUDENTS & FAMILIES SUPPORTED DURING 2015-2016

Top 5 primary issues



- 1,257 interactions recorded Family Case
- *Excluding # from Professional Case on Transition Youth, parent workshops & youth programs

Upcoming activities



- Counties in WA with publication disseminations & Technical Assistance
- ➤ Develop Technical Assistance strategy for professional development in serving CLD youth & families in WA
- ➤ Develop infrastructure for Info & Referral system for CLD families throughout WA

Contact

Open Doors for Multicultural Families

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Email: info@multiculturalfamilies.org

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(Japanese & English)

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REACH Webinar Series





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REACH

Dawn Monaco dmonaco@spannj.org

Wednesday.

January 24, 2017 12:00-1:00 pm

Registration Required!

Register early, limited

number of tickets

available.







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join the webinar will be sent with registration confirmation

Questions contact: Dawn Monaco dmonaco@spannj.org 973-642-8100 x 193



LUNCHTIME LEARNING WEBINAR

Community Resources "Disability Rights"

http://at-transition.eventbrite.com

Learn the resources and supports available to families, youth/youth adults with disabilities and professionals There are many resources available right in your backyard

Hear from representatives from the National and local levels











REACH



Thursday, April 6, 2017

12:00-1:00 pm

number of tickets

When, How & Why

LUNCHTIME LEARNING WEBINAR

Parents have many questions when it comes to talking to their child about their disability. This webinar will answer some important questions:

Talking to Your Child about Their Disability:

*When is the right time to talk to your child about their . How can a parent help their child to understand their

. What is self advocacy and self determination and who is it important to teach these skills to your child? *How can these skills help your child in post-secondary education and beyond?

To register go to:







"Vocational Rehabilitation"

Learn the resources and supports available to families, youth/youth adults with disabilities and professionals There are many resources available right in your backyard













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Community Resources

July 12, 2017

12:00-1:00 pm Registration Required

Feb. 16, 2016

Registration

required!

Dawn Monaco

September 21, 2016

12:00-1:00 pm

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Link to webinar recordings: www.spanadvocacy.org/content/reach-transition-webinars-0

REACH Webinar Series

2016/2017 Webinar Presenters:

Parent Centers:

- Laura Arrington, Family and Youth Education Coordinator, STARBRIDGE
- Diana Autin, Ex. Co-Director, SPAN
- Carolyn Hayer, Project Co-Director, REACH
- Dawn Monaco, Projector Co-Director, REACH

Professional Partners:

- Nancy Breiden, Director, Disability Law Project, Vermont Legal Aid, Inc.
- Ron Hager, Senior Staff Attorney, National Disability Rights Network
- Jeni Hergenreder, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Pennsylvania
- Adam Krass, MS, ATP, Adam Krass Consulting, LLC
- Mike Marotta, ATP, Inclusive Technology Solutions, LLC

State Agencies:

- Lisa Hinson-Hatz, Director, NH Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Alice Hunnicutt, Director, NJ Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Libby Stone-Sterling, Asst. Director, ME Vocational Rehabilitation Services
 - Stephen Wooderson, CEO, Council of State
 Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation

Evaluation Results:

Overall Participants: 745

Evaluation Results: 100% of participants reported they were satisfied with the

information provided.

" I found the advice on having your child present at their own IEP meeting very helpful."

"I liked the explanation of applicable laws."

Resource Repository:

Over 120 resources available from parent centers and partners.

https://tinyurl.com/REACHrepository







Supporting Transition to Engaged Lives by Linking Agency Resource

OUR GOAL

The goal of STELLAR project is to provide information and training to assist transition age youth (14-26) with disabilities, their parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or other authorized representatives of the individual to participate more effectively with professionals in meeting the vocational, independent living, and rehabilitation needs of individuals with disabilities.

For more information call us toll free at 1-800-743-7634 or email dstewart@ptimpact.org
Check out our website http://missouriparentsact.org/transition-to-adulthood/

HOW WE REACH OUR GOALS

- 12 Regional Transition Networks (RTN) State Wide
 - Key Network Partners
 - Strategic Action Plans
- 36 Transition Mentors
 - Support in the facilitation of the RTNs
 - Provide direct support and resource to families and transition aged youth and young adults with disabilities

Shift PEAK Parent Center



The purpose of the Shift Transition Project (Shift), initiated by PEAK Parent Center, is to serve youth with disabilities and their families to realize new transition possibilities. Shift provides resources, training, and support to families and to youth with disabilities on transition to college, post-secondary opportunities, how to plan for positive futures, and how to access supports and services after leaving school.

New York State Transition Partners

New York State Transition Partners is a collaboration of Starbridge, the Parent Network of Western New York, and INCLUDEnyc, providing information and strategies to help young adults with disabilities and their families to access and navigate vocational rehabilitation and other public systems that can help with financial stability, meaningful employment, and post-secondary education.



Take Charge of Your Life

Self-Advocacy Course Pilot

Selected Examples

from Course Sessions and Activities

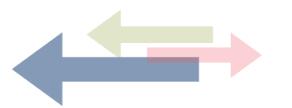


What is Self-Determination?

Taking Charge of Your Life

- Make things happen
- Let others know who you are, what works for you, and what you need
- Know what you want and how to get it
- Set goals and work to reach your goals
- Speak up for yourself
- Make decisions

"Nothing about me without me"

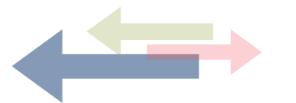






Take Charge Course Sessions

1 - Saturday, March 12, 2016	"Get a Life"
2 – Saturday, April 9, 2016	"Speak Up for Yourself"
3 – Saturday, May 14, 2016	"Get a Job"
4 – Saturday, June 11, 2016	"Get Connected"
5 – Saturday, August 13, 2016	"Move On to Life!"

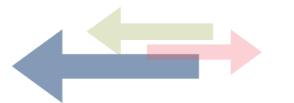




Take Charge Sessions at a Glance...

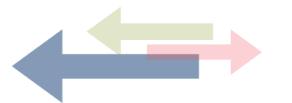
Course Goals

- Gain knowledge and increase your confidence in communicating what you need to have a good life.
- Use your knowledge, advocacy skills and planning tools to work toward your employment and independent living goals.
- Become self-determined to reach success in your life.



Take Charge...Whose voice is it, anyway?

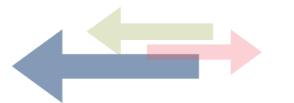
Youth	Mentors	
Your first job is	Your first job is	
 Speak up! Participate Ask questions Take action Dare to dream! Take charge! 	 Be quiet and listen Take notes Write questions for later Dare to dream! Redirect, so your youth can take charge 	



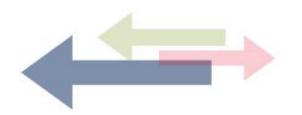


During Session 1, You Will...

- 1. Learn about the purpose, goals and activities of Take Charge.
- 2. Get to know the other participants.
- 3. Tour The Independence Center.
- 4. Identify and talk about your strengths and interests.
- 5. Start a Take Charge poster and a relationship map.
- 6. Make an action plan for the next step(s) you will take (your homework).







Take Charge – Session 1





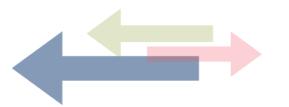




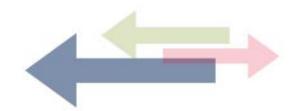


During Session 2.....

- Homework reports
- Reconnect with the group
- Meet Ian Watlington
- Talk about self-advocacy
- Practice speaking up







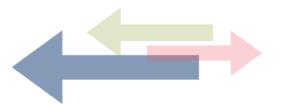
Take Charge – Session 2



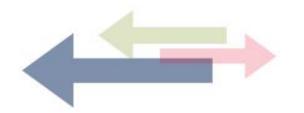


Session 3 Activities

- Reconnect with each other
- Homework and extra credit reports
- Talk to college and job experts
- Do computer research for jobs
- Work on resumes and business cards
- Set next steps







Take Charge – Session 3





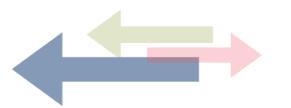




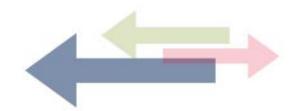


Session 4 Activities

- Review Take Charge Sessions 1-3 with lan Watlington
- Homework reports
- Community mapping to make connections
- Individual meetings with business card design consultants
- Set next steps







Take Charge – Session 4





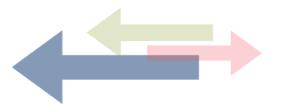






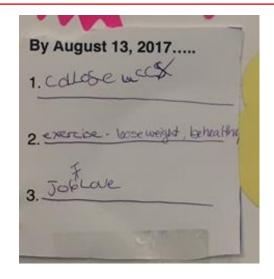
Session 5 Activities

- Virtual check-in with Ian Watlington
- Homework reports
- Video presentations
- Portfolio building
- Disability rights walk and roll
- Lunch on the patio
- Advice for the future from a fellow selfadvocate
- Graduation!

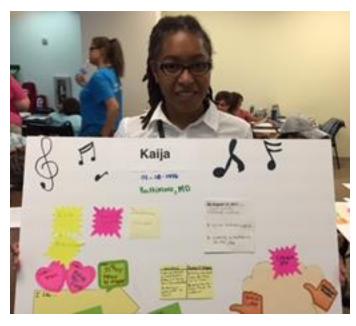


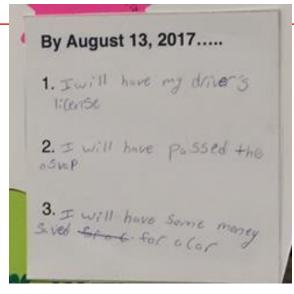


Session 5 Graduation & Next Steps



















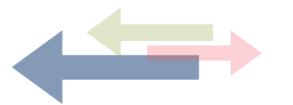




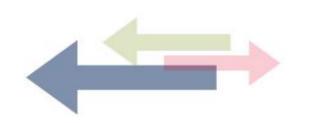


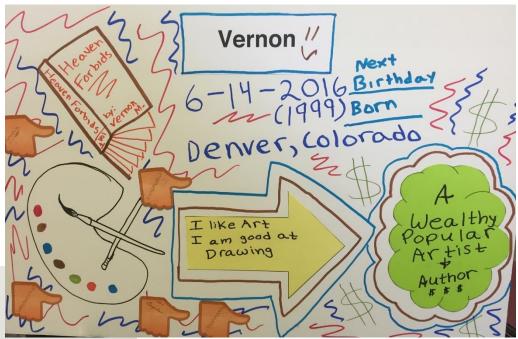
Take Charge Activities

- Speakers who are self-advocates
- Consulting sessions with college, employment and independent living experts
- Interactive and hands-on activities
- Portfolio, business card, and video resume development
- Videos with discussion
- Separate sessions for youth and for mentors



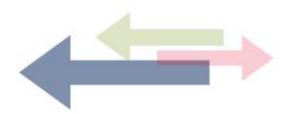








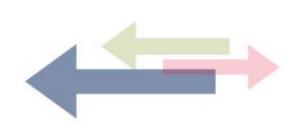




Meet the Experts Ticket

Scott Kupferman, UCCS	Sunny Lane, DVR	Cathy Cimino, PP Workforce Center
I learned:	I learned:	I learned:
Expert's Signature:	Expert's Signature:	Expert's Signature:

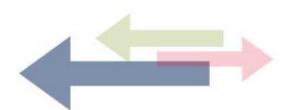




Meet the Experts for College, Careers, and Jobs! 9:30 – 11:45 am

- Scott Kupferman, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS)
- Sunny Lane, Vocational Rehabilitation
- Cathy Cimino, Pikes Peak Workforce Center

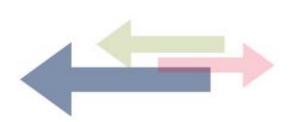




Workstation Ticket

Workstation 1 - Career One-Stop	Workstation 2 - Connecting Colorado
I learned	I learned
Facilitator:	Facilitator:
Workstation 3 - Resume	Workstation 4 - Business Card
I learned	I learned
Facilitator:	Facilitator:





Workstation 3 Resumes and Letters of Recommendation

Dear

Sample High School Student Resume

DAN JENNINGS

Ygnacio Valley | Deer Valley | Richmond High Schools e-mail: djennings@hotmail.com

OBJECTIVE: To obtain a position in the automotive service industry.

EDUCATION: Hoover High School

Expected Graduation Date June 2008 Grade Point Average 3.0

EXPERIENCE: Food Service Worker

McDonald's Restaurant

Present-September 2004

San Diego,CA

San Diego, CA

Provided excellent customer service, operated cash registers, maintained a sanitary work area, prepared food and refilled lobby items as necessary.

VOLUNTEER

Rowan Child Development Center Summer 2005

WORK:

Performed office work, such as data processing.

Provided childcare services and general help as necessary.

AWARDS:

Airplane Construction Del Mar Fair Special Award

Summer 2004

2004-2002

ACTIVITIES:

Hoover High School Baseball Team **HOSA Club** 2002

Mid City Police Department Volunteer

REFERENCES: Available upon request.

I am putting my portfolio together to use to introduce myself to people, businesses, and community people. I want to use it to get jobs, pursue a career, find new opportunities to learn, and do things I am good at and like to do (like volunteering, making friends, and taking classes).

Will you please write a Letter of Recommendation about me I can put into my portfolio?

To help you get started on your letter, here are some things I believe I am good at:

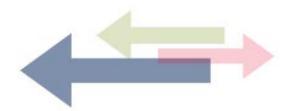
Here are things I am most interested in doing:

I really want to put letters in my portfolio from people who know me and appreciate me. I hope you will write a letter.

Please return your letter to me by _____

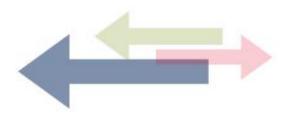
Sincerely,





Workstation 4 – Design a Business Card



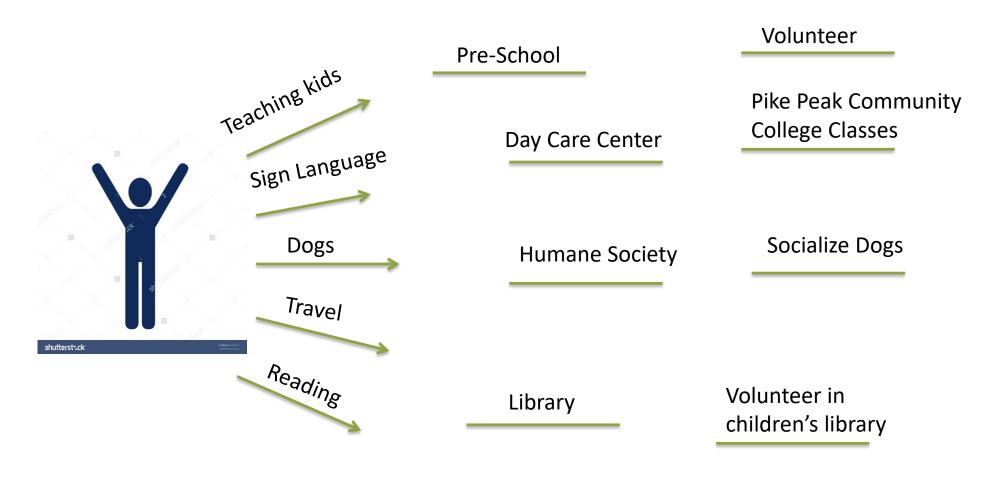


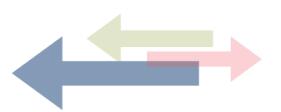
Map the Community



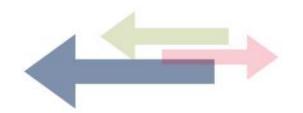
Sample Connections Worksheet

(from Mapping Activity)





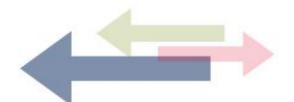




Build Your Portfolio

- 1. Cover letter
- 2. Resume
- 3. Letters of recommendation
- 4. Certificates and special recognition
- 5. Business card
- 6. CD and thumb drive





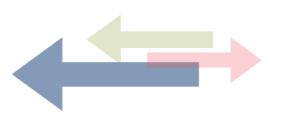
Action Steps for College, Career & Job

I will:	Who will help:	Check off when done:
1.		
2.		
3.		



Mentor Activity - Letting Go Video





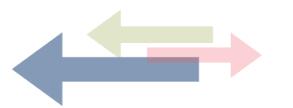


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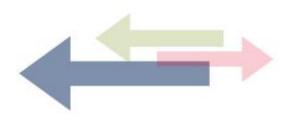
Letting Go Discussion

- 1. What struck you from the video?
- 2. How does the video apply to you?
- 1. How can you be a guide for a young person while at the same time letting go and allowing him or her to develop self-reliance and independence?







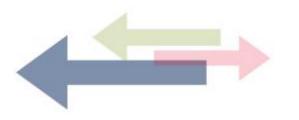


Ian Watlington



Tales of Self-Advocacy and Lessons Learned





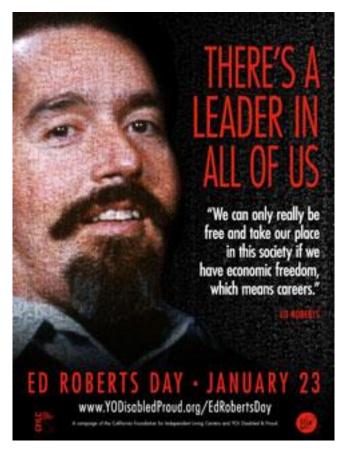
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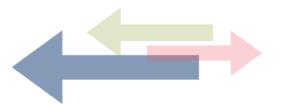
Patricia Yeager
Executive Director
The Independence Center



Ed Roberts



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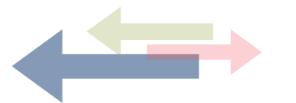
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Video: Discovery and Possibility



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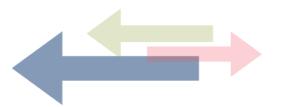




Video: Find Your Strengths



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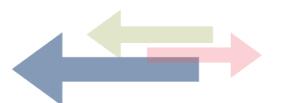


Dare to Dream

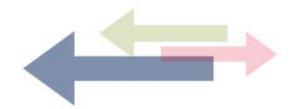


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In one or two words, What did LeDerick's video make you think about?





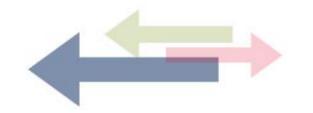


Video: Jonathan Mooney on Lessons Learned



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Who Do You Need to Speak Up To?













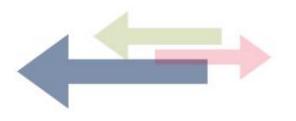




Ryan – Video Resume







Ryan

Ryan Stringer

Life Path August 13, 2016

Interests	Strengths	What Works?	What Doesn't Work?	1 Vacy Cools
Interests I like school I like music I like camping I like church I like Souper Salad I like Taco Bell and Pizza	I have a happy spirit I am kind I like concert music I am compassionate I'm good at: putting things where they belong singing, laughing, swimming and being kind I can: do my laundry, cook in the microwave	• Music works • Working at school office • Work lunch cart	Bossing me does not work Someone not listening to me	I Year Goals It's August 2017, what has happened? I will exercise – lose weight and be healthy.
	work in the cafeteria make people happy and speak Spanish			unilizes.



- Be happyBe needed
- Be in charge
- Be responsible
- Be valuable



Vernon – Video Resume







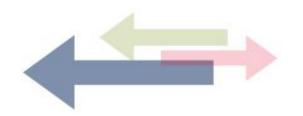
Vernon

Vernon Moore

Life Path August 13, 2016

June 14, 1999 Denver, CO

Denver	, CO			
Interest	s Strengths	What Works?	What Doesn't Work?	
• I like A		Art: Very good creativity Having the right technique Being involved Writing: Detail in writing Needs the right atmosphere Having a great idea	Distractions Not being able to hold your focus Depression Over thinking Story sets old Loosing focus	I will be a Wealthy, Popular artist and author.



Kairi – Video Resume







Kairi

Kairi Mallory

January 8, 1996 Baltimore, MD

Life Path August 13, 2016

What Doesn't Work? Interests Strengths What Works? I am: I don't like Being Friendly people who call Family respectful me the "R" Energetic Having more word. • Music A professional time to do tests • Too much A good hard Friends Someone to information at worker help with and one time. reading people · Always be on time • I like Respectful purple Independent • I like I'm good at roses being positive and smiling I'm good at babysitting and working with kids I'm good at helping others

1 Year Goals It's August 2017, what has happened?

I will have learnt my job without help.

Vision / Goals



I will be going to college, finding a job and living on my own.

I will be:

- Friendly
- Energetic
- A professional
- A good hard worker
- Always be on time
- Respectful
- Independent



Graduation!

Congratulations on a Job Well Done!



One Year Goals after Take Charge

By August 13, 2017.....

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