



The Fairfield County Transition Task Force

**Established by the
Fairfield County Board of DD
On April 11, 2008**



“Imagine Fairfield DD”

- Fairfield County Board of DD’s Strategic Plan For the Future
- Identifies the Mission Statement, Core Values, Vision Statements and Strategic Objectives
- Established in 2001 and updated annually

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to connect resources and create opportunities so people can lead fulfilling lives and make meaningful connections.”



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Vision Statement

“People will have the freedom and supports to build the life they need and achieve the things they want.”

Strategic Objective 1.04

“Develop a collaborative approach to transition planning from school to adult life”.



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Strategic Measures

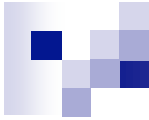
- Completion of a survey of families and educators of students eligible for DD services regarding transition needs.
- Development of a county-wide transition task force and exploration of collaborative approaches with the Family, Adult and Children First Council.
- Provision of assistance to families and county school districts with identifying and understanding post-school service options, possibly including a transition weekend series for students and families.



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Strategic Measures

- Provision of technical assistance to school districts with implementation of the IDEIA requirement of Summary of Performance (SOP).
- Provision of a summer youth employment program for high school students in transition.
- Elimination of placement on a waiting list for an individual budget when it involves transition. Ensure that students have meaningful employment or adult activity upon graduation.



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FCBDD Transition planning committee developed purpose statement, identified stakeholder list, and drafted first agenda.

Purpose Statement

To collaboratively create meaningful opportunities for students and their families in making a successful transition from school to adult.



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Stakeholders Invited to Initial Meeting by FCBDD Superintendent

School Districts in Fairfield County

Eastland-Fairfield Career Center

Parents

ORSC

Family, Adult, and Children First Council

SOCIL

ODJFS

Social Security Administration

FBDD

Adult Day Service Providers



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First Organizational Meeting: Agenda

Welcome and Opening Remarks by FCBDD Supt.

Introductions of all Stakeholders

“Best Practices in Transition” by John Magee, ODE

Lunch provided by CES/FI

Facilitated Focus Group Questions



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1. Identify the best practices that your school district or agency is promoting that will lead to a successful transition from school to adult life.
2. What barriers is your school district or agency facing that interferes with promoting best practices in transition?
3. Are you willing to continue your participation in this county-wide transition task force?
4. What are your primary interests or areas in need of attention that this group can address?



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Documented:

Bright spots and hopeful signs
(Answered question #1 per agency)

Barriers and worries
(Long list....)

What we'd like this group to focus on
(Analysis of barriers and worries, invite missing people/agencies,
Distribute minutes, share contact information)



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Sub-Committee Work:

Categories of Barriers and Worries

Resources

Information

Public Awareness

Education and Training

Communication



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Prioritized Needs:

Education and Training

Communication

Share Resources

Information

Public Awareness



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Action Planning

Resource Listing

Cross Training

Parent Information and Support

Student Information and Support



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Task Force Meets Every Other Month

Agenda Topics

ORSC Pathways 2 Grant: LIFE Works

Overview of SOCIL

DD Family Resource Fair Update

Update on ODE Transition Guidelines, IEP/ETR

ODE Transition Specialists: Region 11 SST Updates

Project Search in Fairfield County

“Building Community: LCBDD Initiatives”



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Agenda Topics

Ohio Longitudinal Transition Study, Kent State

Applying for Social Security Benefits, SSA Regional Director

ODE *Bridges to Adulthood* Document

Transition Resource Manual

Fairfield County Cooperative Agreement

Social Security Work Incentives, SSA Work Incentives Coord.

Overview of OSU Nisonger Transition Initiatives, Dr. Margo Izzo

Age Appropriate Assessments, Dr. Margo Izzo



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Mental Health in Transition, Scott Campbell

Family and Sibling Support During Transition, Sue Beck

Work Steps Program, Functional Training Services

We Go to Work Grant, Dianna Walters

FCBDD Eligibility Process. Heidi Reichenbach

OACB Bridges to Transition, Teresa Kobelt

Lancaster Public Transit

YIA Youth Career Development Program

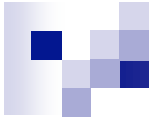
Ed Resources Ohio, Carol Daniels & Bob Reece



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Future Agenda Topics

- BSVI Services and Projects
 - ADA, Scott Campbell
- Medicaid/Futures Waivers, DODD
 - Behavior Support
 - Customized Employment
- Youth & Young Adults in Transition Steering Committee
Strategic Planning Report by the
Ohio Family & Children First Cabinet Council



The Fairfield County Transition Initiative

Local Interagency Agreement

- Modeled after the State of Wisconsin Interagency Agreement
- Describes: statement of need, authority and scope, mandated transition services (federal and state of Ohio), transition quality indicators.
- Provides an overview of transition services
- Identifies 2010-2012 Goals
- Identifies 2010-2012 Special Projects
- Describes Agency Commitments
- Signatures



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Local Interagency Agreement -DRAFTED

2010-2012 Goals

1. To comply with federal mandates under the Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1998, and the state mandates under the ODE state operating standards, ORC 3301-51-07.
2. To collaborate as partners in developing and disseminating resources and implementing quality transition services.
3. To provide information on transition services to students and their parents so they will be able to participate fully in transition planning, and
4. To provide clarification of roles and responsibilities of staff within school districts and agencies that provide services and supports to students with disabilities who have identified long term needs in employment, adult day programs, and with independent living.



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2010-2012 Special Projects

1. Based upon the results of the LEA Needs Assessment (*Bridges to Adulthood* document), school districts in collaboration with local community partners will develop and disseminate cross training materials and resources describing the service delivery system available to students with disabilities as they transition from school to adulthood.
2. To develop, conduct, and analyze a needs assessment survey targeting students, parents, and teachers that will identify needed post secondary supports (students/parents) and materials and resources that teachers need in order to assist students while in school.



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