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“Transition Services” ~ This very important term may be familiar to some of you already. It refers to the planning and implementation of supports/activities focused on assisting students with disabilities, as they prepare to leave their school system and enter the adult world. This includes, but is not limited to, preparation to attend college, vocational training, integrated employment (including supported employment), continuing and adult education, adult services, and independent living or community participation.

Like your child’s Individualized Education Program (IEP), transition services are designed to meet the individual needs and disability of each student. In New York State, transition services typically begin at age 15 (or younger, if determined appropriate) and are reviewed annually. The outcomes identified in an annual review, will provide the basis for the development of appropriate goals and activities in your child's IEP.

A helpful resource to check out is the Suffolk County Transition Resources website (*see website information below*). This resource tool is the result of the collaborative efforts of school district transition coordinators and staff across Suffolk County. The site was developed to “assist families and students as they navigate different pathways to reach their post-secondary goals”. Also included on the website, is contact information for the agency representatives and school administrators who participated in this year’s Suffolk County Virtual Transition Fair.

If your unit is seeking virtual workshop ideas, a great option is a presentation that focuses on Transition Services. Connect with your district’s Special Education/Student Services office and ask if they would be interested in providing a virtual presentation to your members. You can also check out the agencies listed on this month’s reference list of Virtual Workshop Presenters†, which can now be found on Suffolk Region PTA’s website (*see website information below*).

If you have any questions, need help with workshop ideas or would like to connect with your local SEPTA or SEPTSA, please feel free to email me.

Be safe and be well everyone!

Helpful links:

Suffolk Region PTA: www.suffolkpta.org

Suffolk County Transition Resources: sites.google.com/northport.k12.ny.us/sctransitionresources/home?authuser=0

NYSED/Special Ed/Transition Services: www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/iepguidance/transition.htm

How to “Virtual PTA”: nyspta.org/how-to-pta-in-a-virtual-environment/

Lead a PTA Virtually: pta.org/home/run-your-pta/lead-a-virtual-pta

†List of Virtual Workshop Presenters is for reference purposes only. Suffolk Region PTA makes no endorsement of any kind.