

Interim Study on Empowered Transitions from School to Adulthood

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Purpose of IDEA

- . . . a free appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet students' unique needs and to **prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living.**



Transition is a Process.... Not a Destination

(5) Coordinated Activities

(4) Annual Goals for Transition

(3) Appropriate Transition Assessment

(2) Student Selected Postsecondary Goals

(1) Interest Inventories and Exploration Tools

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Transition is NOT Just Compliance

Only 41.5% of IEPs
had fully
compliant
transition plans

$\frac{3}{4}$ of plans did not
align to students'
postsecondary
aspirations



Basic Recommendations

- Address Preservice Education requirements
 - Less than 25% preservice adequately cover transition
- Increase Access for In-Service Professional Development
 - Professional Development opportunities for Teachers
 - Administrators cannot fund what they do not understand
- Effective School-Based Programming
 - High School Based: Project Search
 - College Based: Dual enrollment





SOONER WORKS

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