



Idaho Department
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Tools and Strategies to Ensure Effective Secondary Transition

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Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, and Session Overview
- Secondary Transition...What it looks like
- Building a Transition Tool Library
- Strategies that improve Planning
- Strengthening Interagency Collaboration
- Increasing Student and Parent Participation
- Wrap-up and Next Steps

Welcome and Introductions

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Who are you?

Session Overview



Session Outcomes

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

Develop a district- or program-level library of transition tools, including transition assessments and planning resources, to ensure consistency, quality, and compliance across schools.

Implement leadership strategies that improve interagency collaboration, strengthening partnerships with vocational rehabilitation, postsecondary institutions, and community agencies.

Establish systems and expectations that increase student and parent participation, resulting in more meaningful engagement and improved postsecondary outcomes.



What Effective Secondary Transition Looks Like

- Age-appropriate transition assessments driving decisions
- Measurable postsecondary goals aligned to student strengths and interests
- Coordinated services across agencies
- Meaningful student involvement

Challenges?

- Inconsistent use of assessments
- Limited interagency participation
- Transition planning becoming compliance-driven instead of student-driven
- Low student voice in IEP meetings

What challenges do you see?

Building a Transition Tool Library

- **Essential tools to support transition planning**
 - Transition assessments
 - Career interest and readiness tools
 - Postsecondary planning resources
- **Criteria for selecting and using tools consistently**
- **Organizing a shared, district-wide transition tool library**

Outcome Focus Activity:

Participants identify tools to strengthen or build a transition resource library.

- group activity using [TransitionTN assessment database](https://Transitiontn.org)
 - <https://Transitiontn.org>



Strategies That Improve Transition Planning

- Using assessment data to drive transition goals
 - Clear line from assessment to IEP Goals/Activities
- Embedding transition tools into the IEP process
- Ensuring consistency across schools and programs
 - Increases compliance and best practice
- Monitoring implementation and impact

Strengthening Interagency Collaboration

- Key agency partners and their roles
- Practical strategies for improving collaboration
- Tools and structures that support shared responsibility

Outcome Focus Activity:

Participants identify strategies to improve interagency collaboration.



Increasing Student and Parent Participation

- Importance of student voice and family engagement
 - Increase Student Participation
 - Student-led IEP
 - Pre-meeting coaching/Transition Planning worksheets
 - Self Advocacy instruction
 - Families might disengage...why?
 - Technical process/language
 - Postsecondary options feel overwhelming
- Removing common barriers to involvement
 - Provide plain-language resources
 - IPUL resources



Idaho Pathways to Partnerships

- Federal DIF Grant
- Improve CIE outcomes through Interagency Collaboration
- Idaho Competitive Integrated Employment Center

Idaho Competitive Integrated Employment Center (ICIE Center)

The ICIE Center offers statewide support, giving agencies, families, students, and communities the knowledge and skills to improve secondary transition planning and services, helping students with disabilities achieve competitive integrated employment (CIE).





ICIE Center Goals

- Developing statewide and local interagency partnerships.
- Creating coordinated delivery of effective transition planning and services.
- Developing comprehensive statewide systems of support to deliver effective transition planning and services.
- Evaluating and reporting the results of the Idaho Pathways to Partnership grant work.

ICIE Center Work and Partners

- Regional Work
 - Three RSTCs
 - Local Interagency Leadership Teams
 - Youth Focused Resources
- Grant Partners



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ICIE Website

IDAHOTC.COM/ICIE

- Idaho Secondary Transition Framework
 - Developmental Levels
 - Benchmarks
 - Services List w/Agency Connections



Scan to explore the
[ICIE Website](https://idahotc.com/icie)

Wrap-Up & Next Steps

As you leave today, consider three reflection questions:

- Do we have a clearly defined transition tool library across our district?
- Are assessment results consistently driving IEP decisions?
- Do we have structured systems for interagency collaboration and student voice?

Questions?



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