



Objective: School to Work Transition Workgroup

Meeting Date: April 10, 2008

Meeting Place: State Education Resource Center

Attendees: Karen Stigliano, Susan Zimmerman, Noreen Shugrue, Nora Bishop, Arlene Lugo, Jessica Veneziano-Lemos, Khampasong Khantivong, Patti Clay

Action Items from Previous Meeting on March 13, 2008

Item	Action	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	Dates that youth groups meet	All workgroup members	April 10, 2008	Partially completed
2.	Review mentoring logic model	All workgroup members	April 10, 2008	Complete
3.	Forward materials listed in minutes below	Patricia Anderson, Jo-Ellen Wickwire	April 10, 2008	Complete
4.	Forward Arlene Lugo information for web site additions	All workgroup members	ASAP	Complete

Agenda Item: **Baseline Date Subgroup**

- Noreen Shugrue reported that the evaluations report card for this workgroup is almost complete.
 - Noreen also reported that the SDE Transition Task Force has agreed to help identify students and parents to be interviewed for baseline data.
 - Questions to be used in individual interviews and focus groups will be forwarded to this workgroup for review and comment.
 - Karen Stigliano will send Noreen information about students in age-appropriate programs who gather for seminars in the morning and could be potential focus group members.
 - Noreen also suggested perhaps linking the Good Morning America video on autism to the web site.
- Products from CRP database
 - Workgroup would like to see this become a searchable database to be used on the web site and perhaps added to the NGA web site with a print option for hard copies.
 - Original partners who developed the CRP Resource Directory for the SDE Transition Task Force will be asked to provide updated information.
 - Marketing for this searchable database will be explored and potentially presented at the 2008 Employment Summit.
 - Nora Bishop will work with Larry Carlson and Betsy Azzarito at BRS to develop this searchable database for the web site.

Agenda Item: **Web Site Subgroup**

- Arlene Lugo reported that she had received additional information to add to the web site. This will be reviewed and brought back to the workgroup before submitting to Mintz & Hoke.
- Workgroup was also asked to consider developing a mechanism for students to search for internships on the Connect-Ability web site.
 - Workgroup considered linking to existing internship sites.
 - Workgroup also considered developing a protocol for employers to post internships directly on the Connect-Ability web site.
 - Both options will be explored.
 - Work group would like to pose questions to employers at the Employment Summit asking what they would need to include youth with disabilities in internships. What barriers do they now see?
 - Develop tools for employers for the web site.
- Karen Stigliano suggested developing professional development modules for teachers using the youth section of the Connect-Ability web site.

- This suggestion is based upon one school system reporting that they are using this web site to develop lesson plans with both regular ed and special ed students in the same classroom.

Agenda Item: Youth Participation Subgroup

- Meetings with groups of young adults.
 - Three groups of young adults have been identified and scheduled.
 - Questions may include the items developed in the UConn questionnaires.
 - Questions will also include how they would want to be included and what kind of information they would like to provide.
 - Workgroup would also like to know what would entice young adults to come to the web site.
- The Youth Leadership Forum has agreed to let this workgroup present to the forum asking the students to connect to a leadership opportunity in their community after YLF is over. Workgroup has agreed to help find adult allies for each young adult (potentially through the local level initiatives).
- A sample Mentoring logic model was reviewed by the group.
 - It was decided to consider two sites from the RFP with the expectation that they could recruit and support 10 students who have disabilities in an integrated site.
 - Budget requested for this item would be \$1500 per student.
 - Workgroup also suggested contacting The Autism Spectrum Resource Center about mentoring program they are developing.

Agenda Item: TA and Presentation Requests

- Workgroup members agreed to provide assistance with technical assistance and presentation requests to this workgroup.
 - A PowerPoint presentation will be developed for the Transition Workgroup to use.
 - This PowerPoint presentation will be reviewed with workgroup members during the July meeting.

Action items from April 10, 2008 meeting

Item	Action	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
5.	Gather updated information for CRP database	Nora Bishop	May 15, 2008	
6.	Explore marketing for searchable database	Workgroup	May 15, 2008	
7.	Find Good Morning America video on autism	Patti Clay	ASAP	
8.	Explore options for posting internships on Connect-Ability web site	Patti Clay/ Margarita Torres	May 8, 2008	
9.	Explore professional development training with SERC	Karen Stigliano/Patti Clay	May 8, 2008	
10.	Contact Autism Spectrum Resource Center about their mentoring program	Patti Clay	Before May 8, 2008	
11.	Develop PowerPoint presentation	Patti Clay	July 2008	

Next meeting: May 8, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

Location: State Education Resource Center, Middletown