

**Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Office of Special Education  
Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities  
Arkansas Transition Services, April 2023**

- Arkansas Transition Services continues to work with special education teachers on compliance with Indicator 13, ensuring that transition plans are based on transition assessments and include all the components of a compliant transition plan. Plans for a focus group and a training for new LEAs are in the works.
- All summer trainings at Coops have been scheduled. We will host trainings on 1-13 Compliance and making the connection between transition planning and successful life after high school and collaborating with schools on building a plan for more inclusive practices using specific strategies and reviewing the Predictors Implementation School Assessment (PISA) tool. Through this process schools can assess inclusive practices within their schools, have meaningful discussions about their strengths and weaknesses and build a plan to work toward stronger inclusive practices.
- Additionally, we will provide a statewide training on Transition Assessments June 12 at UAPTC. The goal is to raise awareness of the variety of assessments available and to share the ATS graphic organizer to effectively use transition assessment results for transition plan development.
- Arkansas Transition Services is collaborating with the University of Arkansas support programs and Leaders for Transition to develop videos to be shown at College Bound Arkansas. These videos will be shared in a session showing the differences between high school and post-secondary education in an engaging format.
- Arkansas Transition Services is also collaborating with the University of Arkansas, Leaders for Transition to develop digital resources maps for counties in the state. These resources will be shared by our group and put into My Google Maps by Doctoral Candidates. They will provide better access to students and their families, as well as educators to raise awareness of the available resources in our state.
- Arkansas Transition Services continues working with Children and Youth with Sensory Impairments (CAYSI) on the CAYSI Transition Pilot and provided an on-site training on Discovery for three school teams with students who are Deaf Blind and in need of an approach to learn more about them, their skills, and to find employment and ways to reach more of their goals in life. We have also provided two person-centered planning meetings for two students in the CAYSI Pilot.
- Arkansas Transition Services in conjunction with the Project Director and Project Coordinator for The Communicating Interagency Relationships and Collaborative Linkages for Exceptional Students (CIRCLES) continues to recruit schools to participate in a three-year project where randomly selected schools will receive training and implement CIRCLES. Training will be in spring/summer 2023 with implementation beginning in the fall of 2023. We currently have approximately 26 schools committed to the project, with training set for June 13.
- Arkansas Transition Services continues to collaborate with the Office of Special Education in providing training on Executive Function Skills. The newly revised training will be presented in collaboration with members of the Special Education Unit and the Brain Injury Specialist.
- Members of Arkansas Transition Services had the opportunity to learn AND present at the 2023 DCDT International conference in Louisville, Kentucky. We presented on our state's work regarding CIRCLES. We are currently working on submissions for DCDT in the Fall of 2023. Submissions on our assessment graphic organizers, College Bound Arkansas, and videos we created to share the difference between high school and post-secondary education have been submitted.
- We now have 31 students registered to attend Film Camp! Arkansas Transition Services in collaboration with Career and Technical Education, University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College, and Inclusion Films, is preparing for Film Camp for April 24-28, 2023. We are also planning for College Bound Arkansas in collaboration with the University of Central Arkansas, for June 26-28, 2023.