

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

- Arkansas Transition Services continues to work with special education teachers on Indicator 13 compliance, ensuring that transition plans are based on transition assessments and include all the components of a compliant transition plan. We will be planning a session for newer special education supervisors, so they are aware of compliance for this indicator.
- The seven schools participating in the Self-Determined Learning Model of Instruction (SDLMI) to help students learn how to set goals and act upon them completed another semester of implementation and will continue in the spring. At a check-in meeting, teachers shared anecdotal data that revealed student participants were benefiting and reaching their goals. Each consultant will again observe three phases of the intervention while providing technical assistance and feedback. Data and Research has begun data collection from 2021-2022 school participants to share with University of Kansas, Center for Developmental Disabilities, who will analyze and share findings.
- Arkansas Transition Services continues working with Children and Youth with Sensory Impairments (CAYSI) on the CAYSI Transition Pilot. The online training was provided to pilot schools and other special education teachers interested and included: Transition Overview, Transition Assessments, and a two-part series on Person-Centered Planning. Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Division of Services for the Blind, and Division of Developmental Disabilities Services will provide a final online session to share agency services and programs. In February, we will provide an on-site training on Discovery, a process to learn more about individuals with limited communication in finding employment that will enable them in reaching their goals in life. We are also collaborating with CAYSI, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, and Division of Services for the Blind to develop a Family Guide which will help families better navigate the transition process for their children.
- 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 in which 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 twenty schools committed to the project.
- Arkansas Transition Services hosted the 2022 Arkansas Transition Services Summit, November 2, in Little Rock. The Summit will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Zach Smith, from WestEd. He will present, “Universally Designed Secondary Transition: Applying the principles of Universal Design for Learning secondary practices. We are excited to promote inclusive practices for secondary educators.
- The Little Rock Marriot was the location for the 2022 ATS Summit and the 2022 Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) International conference November 2, 2022. Dr. Al Daviso, from Ohio State University, shared a variety of applications in the three domain areas of transition for secondary educators at the pre-conference. General sessions included programs and information on all areas of secondary transition, from assessments and self-determination to work-based learning programs. Arkansas Transition Services consultants also presented, as well as teachers and supervisors from Arkansas schools implementing innovative transition programs. Matt Sewell welcomed attendees by emphasizing that what we do can and must change the trajectory of our students in special education. DCDT’s Executive Director informed us this conference was one of the best DCDT conferences with positive feedback from attendees.
- A series of tours of Project Search at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) took place in October to raise awareness of this program for interested students. Arkansas Collaborative Consultants had the opportunity to take an exclusive tour in December. These tours help raise awareness of the program each year and the application process will soon begin.
- The University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College also agreed to provide tours to raise awareness of their 3D program at the Culinary and Hospitality Institute. This program provides intense support to students with intellectual disabilities as they complete the certificate program, as well as support to enter employment. Students also have the opportunity to learn more about other programs on the campus.

- Arkansas Transition Services is collaborating with schools on building a plan for more inclusive practices using 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.
- Arkansas Transition Services continues to collaborate with the Office of Special Education in providing training on Executive Function Skills. Trainers provided one training course in Little Rock for charter schools and an additional training at the OUR Cooperative in Harrison.
- Transition Fairs are happening around the state and Arkansas Transition Services has provided guidance and presentations depending on the format of the fair. Since October three fairs have been held, one in El Dorado, one for Little Rock School District that was held at Central High School, and a virtual fair was held for the following school districts: Founders Classical Academy--Bentonville, Founders Classical Academy--Little Rock, Rogers School District, Gravette School District, Bentonville School District, Springdale School District, LISA Academy, and Pea Ridge School District. Additional transition fairs are in planning stages around the state, and we will post on [www.arkansastransition.com](http://www.arkansastransition.com).
- Arkansas Transition Services in collaboration with Career and Technical Education, University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College, and Inclusion Films, is now planning 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 27-29, 2023. Applications for both camps will be available in January. Our goal is to fill all slots for both camps from school districts around the state.