



MD Community of Practice for Supporting Families Webinar Series

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Transition III



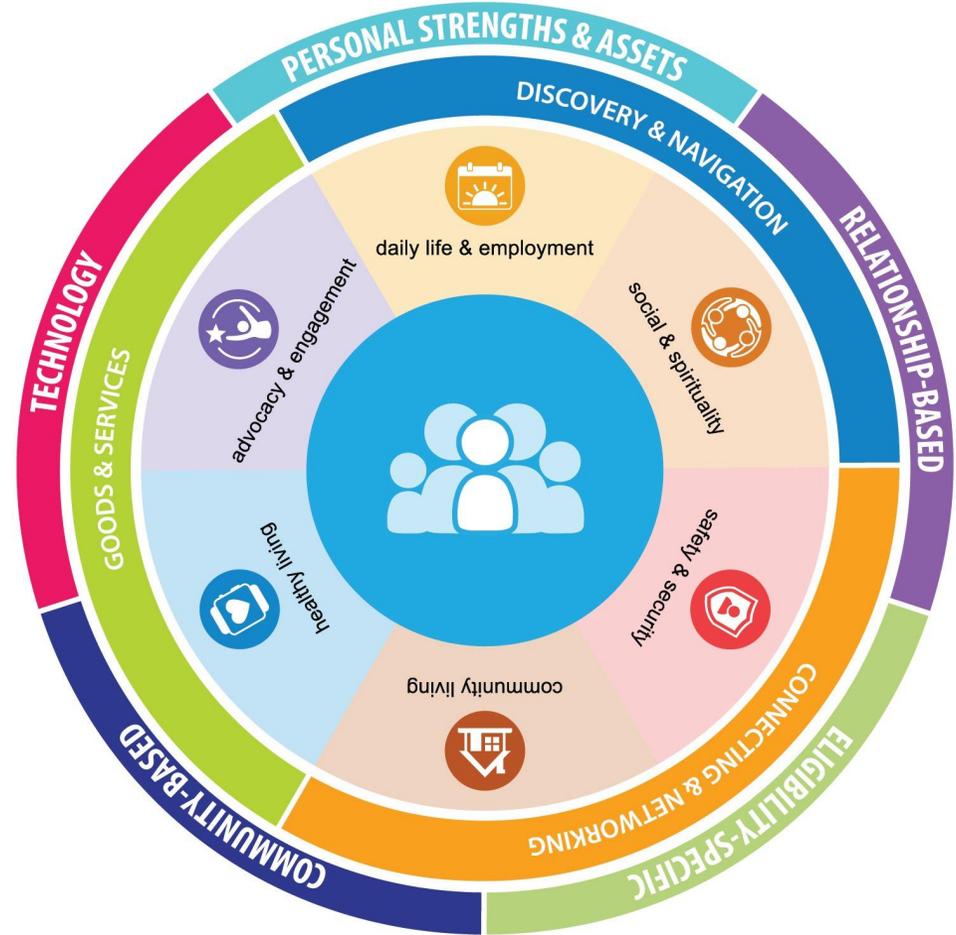
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CHARTING the LifeCourse





Vision For The Good Life



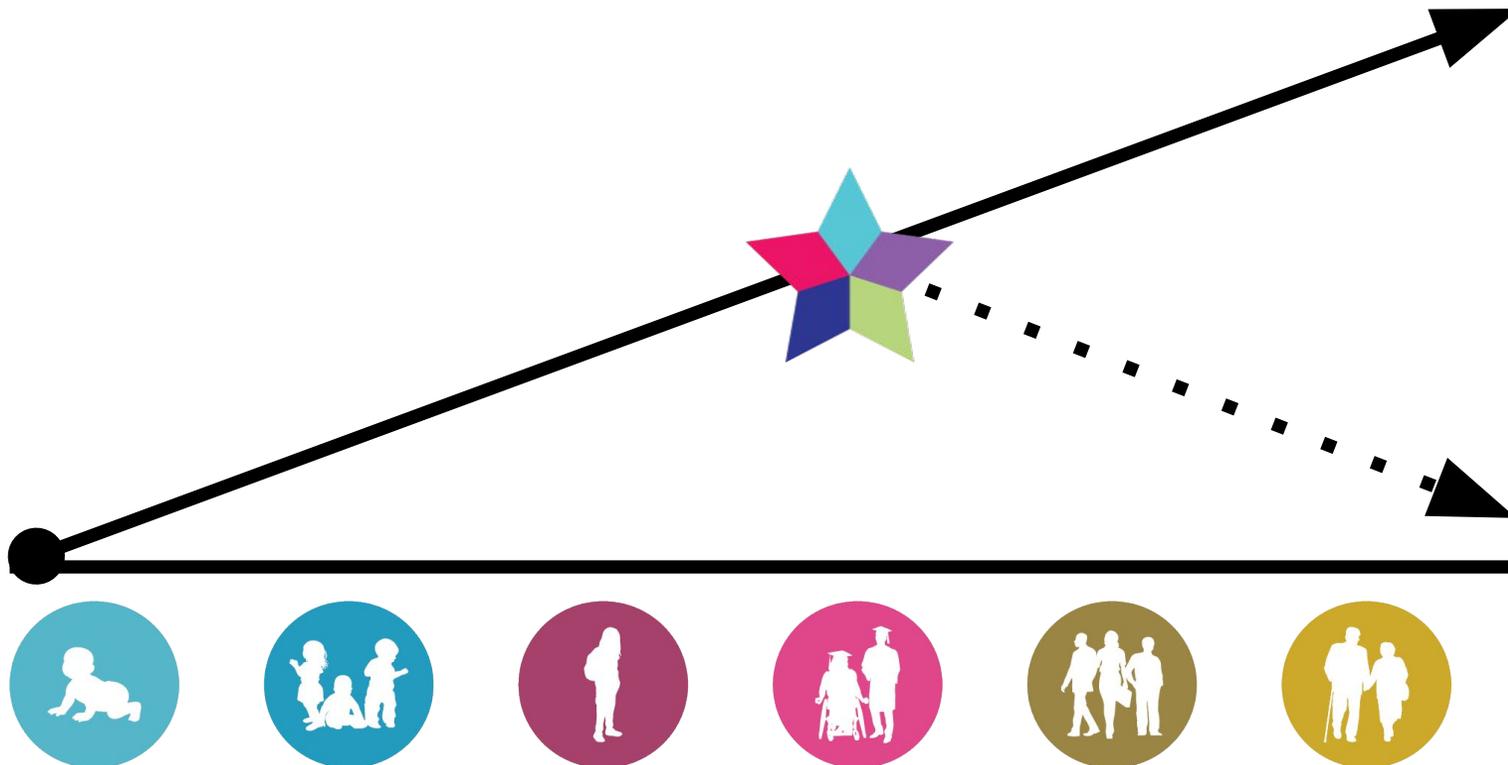
The Individual will achieve self-determination, interdependence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of community life.



Families will be supported in ways that maximize their capacities, strengths, and unique abilities to best nurture, love and support all individual members to achieve their goals.



The Trajectory & Life Stages



What I want...
“Good Life”

(THIS is the WHY!)

What I don't want...



Integrated Supports Star

- All people need support to lead good lives
- Using a combination of many different kinds of support helps to plot a trajectory toward an inclusive, quality, community life
- This tool can help people brainstorm the supports that they already have or might need in order to work in partnership to make their vision for a good life possible





Special Guests

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State Agencies Transition Collaborative of Maryland (SATC MD)

Historical Background

State Agencies Transition Collaborative of Maryland

The National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT) Grant was awarded to Maryland giving 5 years of intensive technical assistance to improve state-level coordination and implement evidence-based practices to ensure that Maryland's students with disabilities, including those with significant disabilities, graduate prepared for success in postsecondary education and employment.





SATC MD

The “Why”

Over the past several years, roughly 30% of the total student population (ages 3-21) with an IEP are transition-age youth (ages 14- 21) who are receiving transition services that ensure they exit school connected to postsecondary education and/or employment; however many of them will not be eligible for, or face waiting lists for services.

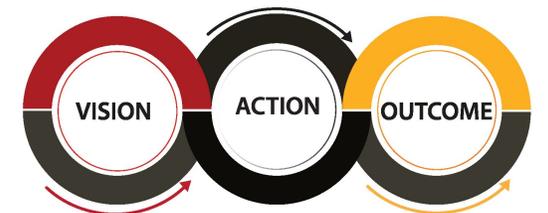
SATC-MD is working statewide through regional and local levels to ensure all students with disabilities have a post school pathway and exit school connected to that path.





SATC MD Partners

- Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
- Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) - Division of Early Intervention & Special Education Services
- Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)
- The Parents' Place of MD (PPMD)
- Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD)
- Dept. of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR)
- Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education (MCIE)
- University of Maryland (UMD) College Park Center for Transition and Career Innovation (CTCI)
- Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)





SATC MD VISION

SATC-MD's impactful inclusive vision which grounds our efforts and work put forth –

“All students will exit school informed and connected to community, career and/or college”





Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)

Purpose

In June 2021, SATC MD State Agency Partners entered into a super memorandum of understanding with the following purpose to;

- sustain the SATC work group without federal funding,
- improve interagency collaboration and coordination of services for transition youth in support of Federal laws, and
- ensure linkages to community, college and careers that result in community integration and independence, ongoing education and training, employment for youth with disabilities in Maryland





MOU Goals

- Create a system that provides students with disabilities multiple pathways to employment
- Youth with disabilities make a successful transition to competitive integrated employment, community, and/or postsecondary education and training





MOU Goals

- Cross agency collaboration and coordination
- Cross agency program development innovation





MOU Goals

- Common communication strategies with an emphasis on families and youth
- Annual leadership coordination





MOU Responsibilities

- Communicate and coordinate regularly with state and local partners and staff
- Collaborate to ensure integrated post school outcomes





MOU Responsibilities

- Promote Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC)
- Promote Employment First
- Develop and provide common training and professional learning
- Share responsibility for publication, dissemination, and education of joint communications





MOU Responsibilities

- Give timely notice to other agency partners for opportunity to provide input and feedback
- Develop information materials for each stage of the transition planning process, beginning in middle school





MOU Responsibilities

- Cross-agency professional learning to improve post-school outcomes for students with disabilities
- Cross agency representatives able to provide feedback at leadership level





SATC MD Products for TY Planning

Student Resource Map
Maryland Secondary Transition

Youth's Name: _____
Family's Name: _____

Technology

Community Life

Education/Postsecondary Education

Work (Local AJC/DORS)

Housing & Utilities

State Agencies' Transition Collaborative of Maryland

Healthy Living
Healthcare/Mental Health/Food

Finances/SSI Benefits

Transportation

Other

VISION ACTION OUTCOME

For more information, please visit Maryland's State Transition Website: mdtransitions.org



DDA's Vision for Transition Youth



Employment First, community membership, person-centered, flexibility, capacity, quality, seamless transition, and more...

Unemployment, isolation, poverty, segregation, restriction, lack of choice, low expectations, eligibility-supports-only lives...



Regional Transition Youth Leads & Eligibility Coordinators

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Handouts

- Primary Transition Contact at Each Local School System
- [Transition Website](#) and Guide
- SATC MD Products
 - One Pager
 - Resource Map
- Charting the LifeCourse TY Products
- [DORS Contacts](#)



Additional Resources for TY

Technology

MD Technology Assistance Program

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/MDTAP-Home.aspx>

Connect Using

- ZOOM Call/Web Conferencing
- Google Hangouts
- Messenger
- Portal
- Facebook

APSE Remote Supports -

<https://apse.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Remote-Supports-FAQ.pdf>

Griffin Hammis Associates Resources on Transition, Technology, and Customized Employment

<https://www.griffinhammis.com/resources/past-webinars/>

Community Based

Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) Learning Tools

<https://www.lifecoursetools.com/learning-materials/>

MD Public Libraries (check out online learning through local libraries)

- Online Library

Contact Local Businesses through your Local Chamber of Commerce

- https://mdchamber.org/resources_trashed/maryland-and-chamber-federation-2/

MDOD Job Seeker Fact Sheet Library

- <http://mdod.maryland.gov/employment/Pages/jsfactsheets.aspx>

Maryland ABLE Accounts

<https://mdtransitions.org/maryland-able-accounts/>

MD ONESTOP <https://onestop.md.gov/>

Think College Family Resources

<https://thinkcollege.net/family-resources>

Eligibility Specific

- MD Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/TY.aspx>
- Appendix K https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA_Appendix_K.aspx
- MD Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) dors.Maryland.gov
- MD Department of Disabilities <http://mdod.maryland.gov/>
- Social Security Administration <https://www.ssa.gov/>
- National Collaborative on Workforce + Disability <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>
- School to Work <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Developments/2015/School%20to%20Work1.pdf>
- Parent's Place Maryland https://www.ppmmd.org/resource_category/transition
- Ticket to Work <https://www.ticket2workmd.org/>
- MD Benefits Counseling <https://www.mdbenefitscounseling.org/>



Questions?

Webinar – Chat /Question Box

Services & Supports – Contact DDA Local Regional Office



Thank You!

Please join us on *October 13th at Noon*
for our next webinar:

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