

# What's After High School: Parent Education Video Series

In April 2013, the Let's Get to Work project sites hosted a 3-part series for parents and educators. The presentations from this series were recorded and edited to create this series of learning modules. With each video session you will find downloadable workbook materials, additional resources, and a question and answer document from the questions submitted to presenters during the original training. The training was evaluated and found to elevate family, teacher, and provider expectations about the ability of youth with significant disabilities to work in integrated jobs.

## Session 1: What's After High School?

A broad overview of the transition process from school to adult life. This session was presented by Liz Hecht, Co-Director of Family Voices of Wisconsin and focused on important issues to consider and key resources to use during transition.

Part 1 – Getting Started with Transition (7:21)

Part 2 – Legal and Procedural (13:36)

Part 3 – Public Benefits (12:41)

Part 4 – Health (10:05)

Part 5 – School (14:07)

Part 6 – Community Living (25:30)

## Session 2: Using Person Centered Planning to Organize Transition

This session walked parents and educators through three useful “conversations” (e.g. person centered planning tools). These tools are the building blocks for understanding the person, establishing a vision for the future and using the assets of community to help the person achieve their goals. This session was presented by Cindy Kernan.

Part 1 – Introduction to Person Centered Planning (4:11)

Part 2 – Asset Mapping (8:26)

Part 3 – Building Positive Futures (22:38)

Part 4 – Pulling it All Together (12:30)

## Session 3: Integrated Employment and Transition

This session focused on important considerations related to career exploration and employment planning for students, parents, and educators. Strategies and resources to address common barriers to employment are discussed. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Department of Health Services (DHS) provided information about their respective roles with students and parents in transition. This session was presented by Shannon Huff, Let's Get to Work project coach, Wendi Dawson, Transition Consultant for DPI, Meredith Dressel, Assistant Director of Consumer Services for DVR, Jessica Thompson Smith, Children's Long Term Support DHS, and Sarah Lincoln, Employment Initiatives Section DHS, and Nancy Molfenter, Let's Get to Work project coach.

Part 1 – Intro to Integrated Employment: (12:52)

Part 2 – Truths About Employment (14:25)

Part 3 – Barriers to Employment Part 1 (Inexperience and Uncertain Goals) (16:06)

Part 4 – Barriers to Employment Part 2 (No Available Jobs, Fear of Losing Benefits, Transportation, Supports for Employment, Post-Secondary Education) (16:47)

Part 5 – Department of Public Instruction (20:49)

Part 6 – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (16:32)

Part 7 – Department of Health Services (11:38)

Part 8 – The 5 C's of Evidence Based Transition (3:57)

