

Recommended Employment Resources & Trainings for Teachers

When supporting students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to reach their integrated employment goals, you might find you need to develop new knowledge and skills. This fact sheet can help you understand the kinds of information available and strategies you can use to improve your skills to support to pursue integrated employment.

Key Areas and Topics to Learn About

Working with Employers <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Benefits of Integrated Employment<input type="checkbox"/> Networking and Connecting Strategies<input type="checkbox"/> Negotiating with Employers<input type="checkbox"/> Employer Hiring Incentives<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Labor Standards and related laws	Transition Partners and Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Division of Vocational Rehabilitation<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Support Agencies<input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Care Programs<input type="checkbox"/> SSA Work Incentives<input type="checkbox"/> Job Center Services
Individualized Assessment & Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Self-Directed Employment Planning Methods<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Assessment Methods, including Discovery<input type="checkbox"/> Job Search Tools and Techniques<input type="checkbox"/> Career Exploration Strategies<input type="checkbox"/> Job Development and Customized Employment Strategies	Providing On The Job Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Disability Disclosure and Requesting Accommodations<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Analysis<input type="checkbox"/> Job Coaching, including Task Analysis and Systematic Instruction<input type="checkbox"/> Assistive Technology in the Workplace<input type="checkbox"/> Facilitating Natural Supports

Recommended Ways to Learn about Community Partners

- ⦿ Become familiar with the Transition Action Guide and the Technical Assistance Guide for Adults Seeking Integrated Employment. These can found on the [WI Division of Vocational Rehabilitation \(DVR\)](#) website.
- ⦿ Participate on your local area [Transition Action Council \(TAC\)/County Community on Transition \(CCoT\)](#).
- ⦿ Tour your local [Job Center](#) and [Aging and Disability Resource Center](#) with students.
- ⦿ Arrange meetings with or request presentations from your local Division of Vocational Rehabilitation office, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Employment Service Provider, Work Incentive Benefits Specialist, and a Family Care or IRIS representative.
- ⦿ Host a Transition Night at your school or in your district. Visit the [Let's Get to Work](#) website for an information sheet on how to Host a Transition Night at your school.
- ⦿ Arrange job shadows, tours, and informational interviews with employers.

Recommended Trainings and Conferences

In-person trainings on integrated employment topics are organized by the Transition Improvement Grant (TIG) Coordinators, CESA's (Cooperative Education Service Agencies), Transition Action Councils (TACS)/County Communities on Transition (CCoTs), and Wisconsin APSE. Many of these event announcements are disseminated through listserves and email or posted on <http://witig.org/> and employmentnetworkwi.org.

Several conferences featuring information about best practices in transition and integrated employment are also offered throughout the year. Breakout sessions at conferences generally only allow an introduction to a topic area (unless there is a specific pre-conference training or professional track). However, conferences do provide the opportunity to get new ideas and resources as well as network with other professionals.

- ⦿ Statewide Transition Conference (Feb) <https://www.edevents.org/>
- ⦿ Youth Transition Conference (Mar) <https://www.facebook.com/YouthTransition>
- ⦿ Rehabilitation and Transition Conference (Apr) <http://rfw.org/>
- ⦿ WI Employment First Conference (Apr) <http://www.wiemploymentfirst.com/>
- ⦿ Summer Inclusion Institute (Jul) <http://www.beloinandbrandl.com/>
- ⦿ WI APSE Conference (Oct) <http://www.wiapse.org/>
- ⦿ Wisconsin Transition Academy (Oct) <http://www.witig.org/transition-academy/>
- ⦿ Statewide Self-Determination Conference (Nov) <http://www.wi-bpdd.org/index.cfm>

Recommended On-Line Learning Sources

There are so many resources on the internet it is hard to sift through them all to find the best options. In addition to the [DPI Transition webpage](#) and WITIG.org website, the websites listed below should be your "go to" websites for information, tools, and webinars. Spending about 15 minutes each week exploring a website from this list is one way to learn without a large time commitment.

[Center on Transition to Employment](#)

[Let's Get to Work](#)

[Rural Institute Transition & Employment](#)

[Griffin-Hammis Associates](#)

[Marc Gold & Associates](#)

[TransCen Inc.](#)

[Institute for Community Inclusion](#)

[National APSE](#)

[US Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy](#)

[Job Accommodation Network](#)

[National Collaborative on Workforce & Disability for Youth](#)

[VCU Work Support](#)

[The LEAD Center](#)

[Paths to Employment Resource Center](#)

