

**National Community of Practice on Transition
Community Meeting
February 6 & 7, 2006**

*Radisson Hotel Reagan National Airport
2020 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202*

Agenda

February 6, 2006

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast Buffet Outside
Salon 1, 2

8:30 – 9:00 Welcome and Introductions
Salon 1, 2

- *State Teams*
- *Representatives from National Organizations*
- *Technical Assistance Centers*
- *Partners from Department of Education, Department of Transportation, Department of Justice*
- *Other invited guests*

9:00 – 11:00 It's All About Outcomes: How Community Adds Value in Serving Transitioning Youth?
Salon 1, 2

In this session we will work with Bill East, Executive Director of NASDSE and Larry Gloeckler, Executive Director of the Special Education Institute at the International Center for Leadership to begin:

- *translating community process into data points*
- *thinking how to measure inputs and outcomes*
- *determining whether a community approach adds value*
- *identifying additional interagency data sources that might begin to inform this work*
- *identifying the other interagency data reports where data and outcomes should be captured.*

11:00 – 12:00 Focus on the Community: Past, Present and Future
Salon 1, 2

In this session, we will review the foundations of our work, re-examine our grounding principles and use a tool that will help each state identify the stages of community building that are evolving in their work

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch with Messages from our Federal Partners
Salon 1, 2

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**1:00 – 2:45 State Team Time/ Organizational and Technical Assistance (TA)
Provider Time**

For States:

Salon 1, 2

This session is intended to focus your state dialogue and generate the strategies that you will need to pursue back in the state. The time provided in this session is the start of an ongoing process to focus on community structures and relationships that make a difference.

For TA Providers and National Organizations:

Cardinal

In this session, we will generate strategies to support state efforts through our existing networks, state affiliates, national offices (for organizations) and existing workscopes (for TA Centers). We will look for short term and longer term connections and develop a protocol for keeping connected with individual agendas where the goals and workscopes are aligned.

2:45 – 3:00 Break and Move to Breakout Rooms

3:00 – 4:30 Breakout Sessions on Topics Requested from the Community

Session 1: Connecting the Community to Broader National Efforts in Education

Salon 1, 2

Presenter: Larry Gloeckler, International Center on Leadership

- High School Redesign: A National Priority
- Transition and the Competitiveness Agenda

Session 2: Connecting the Community to Broader National Efforts in Labor
Salon 3

- Reauthorization of WIA and The Rehabilitation Amendments and the increasing importance of transition
Presenter: Carl Suter, Council of Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation
- *Guideposts for Success: A New Transition Resource from the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (IEL, DOL)*
Presenters: Mary Podmostko, Sally Rhodes, Institute for Educational Leadership
- Leveraging work underway using the NASET Standards and/or the NCSET Essential Tool
Presenter: Donna Johnson, NCSET

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Session 3: Connecting the Community to National, State and Local Initiative in Transportation

Salon 4

- *Framework for Action* developed by the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility
- Building partnership with Department of Transportation, and Easter Seals/United We Ride efforts
Presenters: Bryna Helfer, Dept. of Transportation; Al Abeson, United We Ride

Session 4: Marketing to Businesses and Employers

Salon 5

- Staff Development Program offered by the VA Division of Rehabilitation Services
Presenter: Michael Somers, VA Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
- School/Business Partnerships Initiative Supported by the National Association of Secondary School Principals
Presenter: Jay Engeln: Resident Practitioner, National Association of Secondary School Principals

Session 5: Leadership on All Levels in the Community of Practice

Cardinal 1

- Connecting State Leadership with Regional and Local Leaders
- Leadership that Empowers Locals and Individuals
Presenters: Hal Bloss, Assistant Executive Director, IU#18, PA; Vance Coover, Northeast Regional Division Director, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, PA; Joan Kester, Statewide Transition Coordinator, PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Ellen Romett, Managing Director, PA Training and Technical Assistance Network, Pittsburgh

Session 6: Working Across Agencies: Systemic Initiatives for Addressing the Academic Needs of Transition Age Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

Cardinal 2

- Strategies for Building Coherence Across Agencies and Settings: An Example from Work in Arkansas
Presenters: Adam Hall, Impact Education and Jacque Reese, Arkansas Dept of Education

5:30 – 7:00 Reception

Salon 3, 4, 5

After some time to relax a bit, we will demonstrate the new www.sharedwork.org website that is available to every state depending on your interest. We hope this demonstration will give you some ideas and generate lots to talk about over dinner. Tonight dinner is on your own. Enjoy some of the great restaurants in the area!

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February 7, 2006

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast/Round Table Discussions

Buffet outside Salons 1, 2. Please select your breakfast items and move to the discussion rooms

In this session, we will begin to talk across states about two critical issues that all forward leading states must confront:

Roundtable 1: Bringing Families and Youth from Diverse Backgrounds into the Community of Practice at Every Level

Salon 3

Facilitators: Charity Welsh, Northeast Regional Resource Center and Western Regional Resource Center; Al Perez, Fiesta Educativa

Roundtable 2: Defining, Creating and Institutionalizing a More Meaningful Youth Role in Transition

Salon 4, 5

Facilitators: Le Derrick Horne and Peter Squire, Young Adult Advocates

8:30 – 8:45 Overview of the day

Salon 1, 2

8:45 - 9:30 Debriefing the Breakfast Roundtable Discussions

Salon 1, 2

The issues of youth role and diversity overarch all our work. In this session we will focus on the insights gained from talking across roles and states. Over the next few months, will use these insights to guide the community in creating indicators to assess our progress in these areas.

9:30 – 10:15 Defining the Future for the Community: Shared Work

Salon 1, 2

Based on our interactions in Day 1, we will;

- *Revisit design of the national community, state communities, practice groups and the web tool, www.sharedwork.org*
- *Clarify our focus on outcomes*
- *Articulate ways to involve national organizations and technical assistance centers*
- *Connect all community activities to near term and longer term outcomes*

Presenters: Joanne Cashman, The IDEA Partnership, Bill East, NASDSE, Larry Gloeckler, International Center on Leadership

We will also connect to the work of the National Governor's Association in 10 states that could become a 'sister' effort

Presenter: Lindsey Woolsey, National Governor's Association

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10:15 – 10:30 Break and Move to State-to-State Sharing Sessions

10:30 – 12:00 State-to-State Sharing: Debriefing with *Critical Friends*

Salon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Rather than debriefing in the large group, we will debrief our state meetings and initial plans to move forward with another state team. Each team will share state context, goals and indicators. The other team will act as a critical friend, asking key questions and offering additional ideas. In this way, we will begin to develop the protocol for state-state support that we can continue through collaboration calls when state seek support form each other.

12:00 – 1:30 Working Lunch – Dialogue Guides

Salon 1, 2

The national organizations in the IDEA Partnership have created a web-based resource to make available documents on transition more accessible for use in network meetings, professional development sessions and community building forums. In this short luncheon program, we will introduce the Dialogue Guide process, present available guides and ask state teams to become involved in creating and promoting dialogue.

1:30 –2:15 Next Steps and Expectations

Salon 1, 2

In this last session, we will:

- *field questions*
- *clarify any activities for which the purpose is not clear*
- *reiterate the communication plan for the community*
- *articulate the system for reporting progress on outcomes.*
- *review the support provided by the Partnership and conduct the meeting evaluation*

2:15- 2:30 Break and Move to Practice Group Meetings

2:30 – 4:00 Practice Groups Meetings

*Throughout the meeting we will be examining the purpose of every community activity; including our issue oriented **practice groups**. Practice groups affiliate interested individuals across states and give you the opportunity to involve more people from your state in the national community. In this session, existing practice groups will redefine their purpose and capacity and create a plan of work using the template provided. New practice groups will convene to do the same.*

Current Practice Groups are:

- *Youth Role: Salon 1, 2*
- *Cross-agency Work and Outreach: Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, and Mental : Salon 3*

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- *Transportation: Salon 4*
- New Practice Groups are:*
- *Employment: Salon 5*
 - *Post-secondary Strategies: Cardinal 1*