Summer 2024

August 1,10:00 a.m.

August 2, 2:00 p.m.



Futures with unlimited potential.

An Alabama pre-employment transition services initiative



Sponsored by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Service, and hosted by the Auburn University Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling



Reminders

- Jointly Funded Pre ETS Specialist Contract Negotiations
- JFPES Monthly Reports and Contract Services
- Jobs for Alabama Graduates (JAG) Identification/Collaboration
- Pre ETS Budget/Spending (FY24)
- Academic Year Pre ETS Coordination and Scheduling
- Early Exposure to YLF, Summer JET & College Prep
- LEA Meetings
- Approved Pre ETS Activity List Prior to Authorizing
- Pre ETS Standard Reports and Invoices
- Pre Application Feedback



ADRS Office of Communication and Information is gearing up for the 30th anniversary issue of the annual report! This is a great opportunity to feature present or past transition consumers who have gone on to do great things. If you know of any great stories, please send them our way!

Summer programs 2024

- Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) was a success! We had 27 students from your home areas here on campus at Auburn University June 2 6. We had an amazing time working with our students with disabilities assisting them working with their leadership and self-advocacy skills!
- JETS summer programs happened around the state and we have heard that students had an engaging time learning about work in the community!
- ADRS College Prep was held throughout the state with successful preparation for college for students on many of Alabama's college campuses.

Pre-employment Transition Services

The Rehabilitation Act, as amended by WIOA (2014), expands the types of services, including preemployment transition services, VR agencies may provide to students with disabilities transitioning from school to postsecondary education to postschool activities.

Pre-employment transition services may begin once a student requests or is recommended for one or more pre-employment transition services; and must be provided or arranged in collaboration with LEAs.

Pre-employment Transition Services





New school year is approaching 🙂

2024 - 2025

Opportunity to bring some structure around our relationships and the Transition Unlimited action team

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Ideas for new school vear

- Meet-n-greet for team
- Reminder of goals for the team

From the beginning, it is helpful to determine a regular day and time for school and VR partners to meet to plan, coordinate, and implement services for students. Identifying the purpose of the meeting and expected outcomes will help to ensure that both agency and student needs are met.

Helping to coordinate can include



Being mindful of the teachers schedule and when a good time for them to meet



Involving all stakeholders that work to provide Pre-ETS



How can we include our providers to better ensure points of contact are communicated and everyone is a valued member of the process?

Fall Meet and Greet



Who attends:

VR counselor and other VR personnel working in the school, Special Education Director, special education teachers, school counselor, general education teachers, administrator(s) Note: School point of contact and VR counselor identify any additional attendees and determine if more than one meeting is needed to accommodate schedules.

When: August or September

Timeframe: 30-45 minutes

Purpose: For the school point-of-contact and the VR counselor to share day-to-day logistics of VR and Education collaboration and discuss coordination of services for students with disabilities.

Topics to consider: Student population, the referral and application processes for VR services and scope of VR services available to students with disabilities, and identification of opportunities for collaboration of the implementation of pre-employment transition services and transition services.

To model collaboration between the two entities it is suggested that the school pointof-contact and the VR counselor co-lead this meeting.





Transition Unlimited Meeting October 2024

- You will be receiving an email next week regarding progress monitoring for FY 24' as it will close 9/13 at 5:00 p.m.
 - You will receive information about team registration for the new fiscal year.
- We have some exciting changes coming to the Transition Unlimited Initiative.
- More information to follow!