

Transition Services Liaison Project



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TSLP Purpose: Provide technical assistance and training to transition age students with disabilities and families, local education agencies and adult service agencies across the state.

TSLP is the Product of the Transition Systems Change Project (1995 – 1999)



TSLP Funding

- **Co-funded by State Div. of Rehabilitation Services and State Special Education Programs offices**
- **Facilitated “South Dakota Transition Cooperative Agreement”, a formal state interagency transition agreement.**



TSLP Mission

To be committed to the pursuit and application of ideas, strategies and networks that will prepare students with disabilities to be life ready.



TSLP Staff

TSLP is a Project of Black Hills Special Services Cooperative

One Central Coordinator (Central Region)

Four Regional Transition Liaisons

- **Western – Dave Halverson**
- **East Central – Melissa Flor**
- **South Eastern – Bev Petersen**
- **North Eastern – Cindy Kirschman**



Meet the TSLP Team



Dan, Cindy, Melissa, Bev & Dave



TSLP Services/Activities

- **Linkages with schools, families, service agencies, BIA entities**
- **Technical Assistance and Training**
- **Identifying Local Resources**
- **Youth Development (Self-advocacy)**
- **Post-secondary Linkages**
- **Quality Assurance (Ind. 13)**



TSLP Activities Continued

- **Coordinate the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)**
- **Host “Catch the Wave” Events**
- **Maintain Agency Website (tslp.org)**
- **Host Regional Transition Forums**
- **Interagency Councils**
- **Project Skills/Project SEARCH TA & Support**
- **Provide Indicator 13 Workshops**
- **Host a Transition Summer Institute**



Youth Leadership Forum (Youth Development)

- **93 Students applied to attend in 2017**
- **48 students were selected along with 5 alternates**

YLF – 2016:

- **41 students (delegates) attended the forum**
- **80 individuals involved in assisting to make the event possible &**
- **30 groups or organizations involved**



Youth Leadership Forum 2016



Youth Leadership Forum

“Unbreakable Drive”

Chaz Kellem & Chris Meilo



“Catch The Wave” Events 2016

(Post-Secondary Preparation)

**Seven “Catch the Wave” events were held:
MTI, SM&T, USD, NSU, LATI, Cheyenne River
College & OLC in Kyle**

Adult agency staff:	141
College Staff & Students:	22
LEA staff:	97
Parents:	46
Students:	<u>357</u>
Total Attendance:	663



Let's Talk About Work!

November 2016

New one day Event held in Sioux Falls

**Focus on Employability Skills
and Supports**

Collaborative Effort:

TSLP, VR, DDD, CTE,

DOLR, BRN, etc...

Participation – 143!!



Regional Transition Forums – Fall 2016 (Linkages)

Eight events were held :

Mobridge, Madison, Vermillion, Aberdeen,
Huron, Lake Andes, Pierre & Rapid City

Adult Agency Staff (VR):	50
LEA Staff:	42
Parents:	74
Students:	<u>82</u>
	248



Indicator 13 Workshops

Fall 2016

(Professional Development)

Developing Quality Transition IEPs

Four Regional Workshops:

- **Sioux Falls**
- **Mitchell**
- **Rapid City**
- **Aberdeen**



Monitoring Indicator 13

Fall 2016

(Quality Assurance)

Transition IEP File Reviews

**TSLP staff join the Education Specialists
Review IEPs of Transition aged Students
Fifty Schools/Agencies reviewed in
2016/17**



Employment & SSA Benefits For Youth in Transition (Training)

SSA Benefits Workshop

One event is scheduled in Aberdeen

April 11, 2017



Transition Summer Institute 2016 (Professional Development)

Two Day Workshop Held in Aberdeen (YLF)

Focus on Person-Centered Thinking (PCT):

Presenters: Brenda Smith/Jessica Lamb

- **Thirty-one participants**
- **Six received one credit for attending**
- **Twelve received two credits (PCT Tools)**



Transition Summer Institute

June 2017

(Professional Development)

Two Day Conference – Cedar Shore Resort

Four General Sessions

Fourteen Breakout Sessions:

*Pre-ETS

*PCT

*Project SEARCH

*Employment Supports

*Parent Involvement

*Post-Secondary

*CTE

*Behavior/Motivation



Post-Secondary Linkages

May 2016

**TSLP Hosted a One Day Event for Professionals
Providing Disability Services at our Post-Secondary
Institutions in South Dakota.**

**Agenda Included: Service/comfort animal
Policy & Accommodations.**

23 People Attended the Event

12 PSDSC's Attended

Next Event Scheduled for May 24, 2017



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Questions?



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Thank you!!

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