Transition Services Liaison Project

**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: 357
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: 82
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
* Project SEARCH
* Parent Involvement
* CTE
* PCT
* Employment Supports
* Post-Secondary
* Behavior/Motivation

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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?
Thank you!!

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