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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.



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

TSLP Purpose: Improve and Expand High School Transition Options and Services for Students in South Dakota.

By Providing Technical Assistance, Resources, and Training to students with disabilities and families, local education agencies and adult service agencies across the state.



TSLP Funding

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



TSLP Staff



TSLP is a Project of Black Hills Special Services Cooperative
One Central Coordinator (Central Region) – Dan Rounds

Four Regional Transition Liaisons

- Western – Steph Badwound
- East Central – Miah Gillen
- Southeastern – Bev Petersen
- Northeastern – Cate Diede



TSLP Activities

- Linkages with schools, families, service agencies, BIA entities
- Technical Assistance and Training
- Identifying Local/National Resources
- Youth Development (Self-Advocacy)
- Postsecondary Linkages
- Quality Assurance (Indicator 13 of the SPP)
- Coordinate the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)



TSLP Activities Continued

- Host “Catch the College Wave” Events
- Host Regional Transition Forums
- Participate in Interagency Councils
- Host “Let’s Talk Work” Events
- Project Skills/Project SEARCH TA and Support
- Provide Indicator 13 Workshops
- Host a Transition Summer Institute





Youth Leadership Forum (Youth Development)



- Five-day Leadership & Self-Advocacy Training
- Held in June on the NSU campus in Aberdeen
- 80 to 100 students apply to attend annually
- 45 to 50 student selections along with alternates
- 80+ individuals involved in assisting to make the event possible, and
- 30 groups or organizations involved



Youth Leadership Forum 2024





“Catch The College Wave” Events (Post-Secondary Preparation)

- 4 to 6 Events held annually
- Held on College and Technical College Campuses (Includes Tribal Colleges)
- Post-Secondary Disability Services
- Student Presentations
- Adult Agency Presentations (VR staff)
- Financial Aid Information Shared
- Virtual Recordings Available on TSLP Website



Let's Talk Work!

One-day Workshop - Preparation for Employment

- Focus on Employability Skills and Supports
- Resources (Career Awareness)
- Skill Development
- Collaborative Effort:
 - Business Community, TSLP, VR, DDD, CTE, DLR, etc.



Monthly Transition Round Up

Using Virtual Platforms to Reach Teachers, VR Counselors, and Students



YLF Follow Up



Regional Transition Forums (Linkages)

Informal and Interactive meet-and-greets for transition-age students, their families, and service providers.

- Awareness of TSLP events and activities
- Opportunity to meet local service providers
- Learn about services available to youth and adults with disabilities
- Often in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences, community resource fairs, TSLP events, etc.



IEP Workshops – Focus on Transition (Professional Development)

Developing Quality Transition IEPs Emphasis on Indicator 13 Compliance

- **Transition Assessment**
- **Measurable Postsecondary Goals**
- **Course of Study**
- **Coordinated Set of Services and Activities**
- **Annual Goals**
- **Student Involvement**
- **Outside Agency Involvement**



Monitoring Indicator 13 (Quality Assurance)



Transition IEP File Reviews

- TSLP Staff join the Education Specialists
- Review IEPs of Transition-Aged Students
- Approximately 30 School Districts Annually
- Provide Individual Technical Assistance and Follow-up
- Provide Inservice Training to School Districts



Additional TSLP Activities



- **Transition Summer Institute**
- **Host Annual Meeting for Disability Services Coordinators from Postsecondary Schools**
- **Maintain TSLP Website www.tslp.org and Social Media**
 - Transition Resources, Events, Parent Tips, TA Guides, etc.
- **Stakeholder Workgroups – Interagency Collaboration**
 - Disability Rights SD, Parent Connection, Postsecondary Disability Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, etc.



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Questions?



Thank you!!

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