



AUTISM TRAINING AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Transition Summit- What's the Next Step?

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The Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project

The Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project (ATTA) develops and presents resources that assist individuals with autism in their transition from secondary education to postsecondary education or employment.

ATTA provides training and support to important stakeholders as they work to provide an equitable experience for individuals on the spectrum.

The Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support

The Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support (ICSPPS) creates, supports, and delivers professional development for education professionals across Illinois. ICSPPS provides technical assistance, develops publications, and facilitates program improvement strategies for our partners as they relate to college transition, recruitment, retention, and completion—encouraging achievement of special populations learners. ICSPPS was founded in 1977 at Illinois State University and is housed in the Educational Administration and Foundations department in the College of Education.





Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project (ATTA)

<https://autismcollegeandcareer.com>



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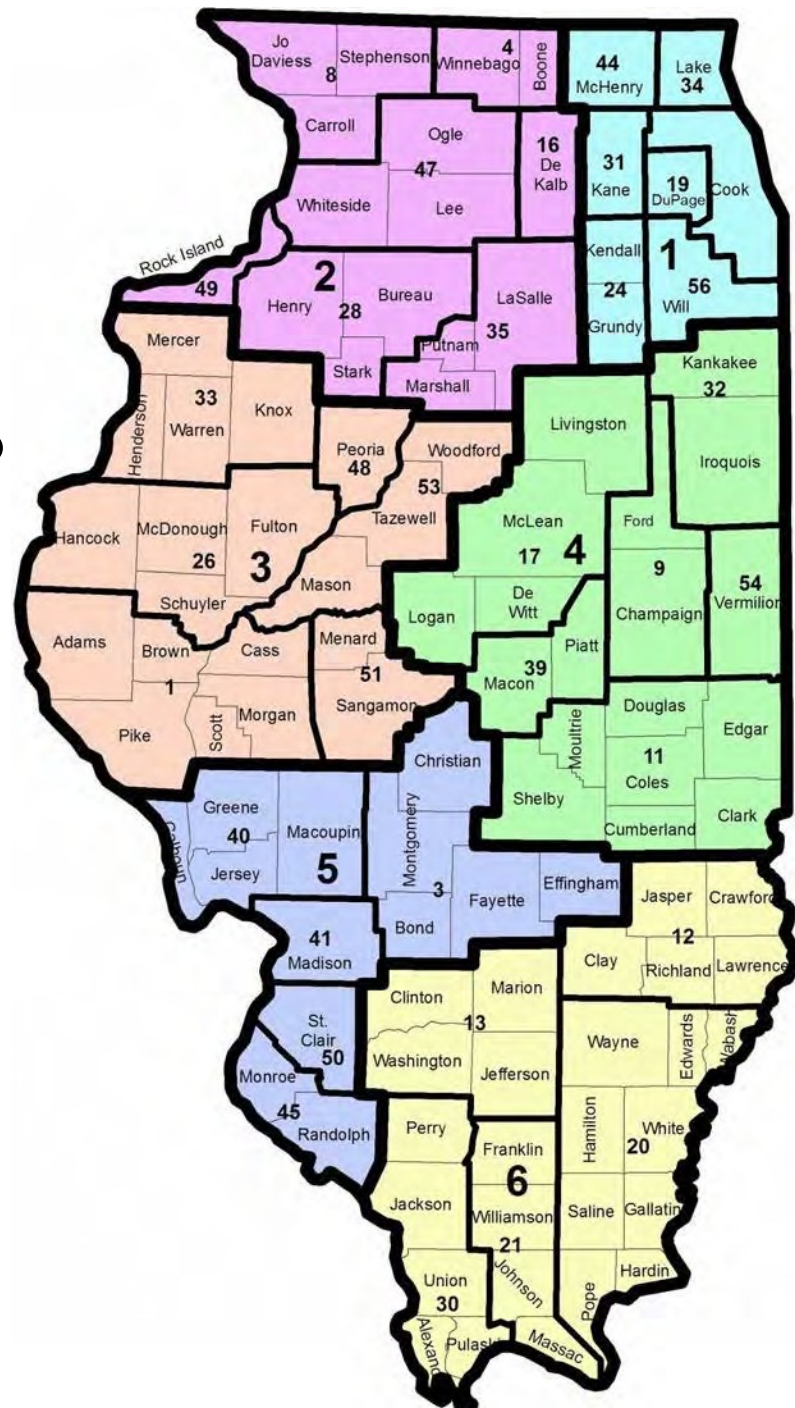
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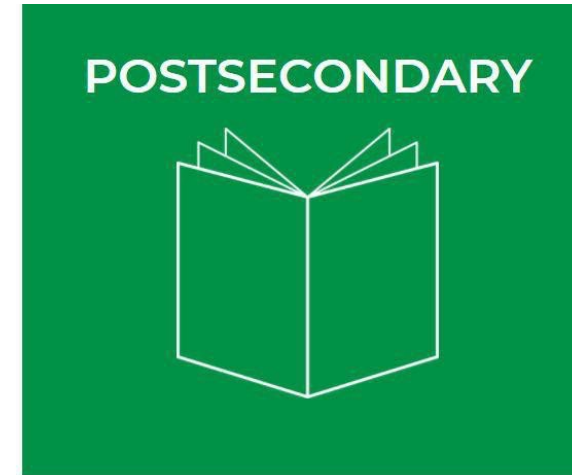
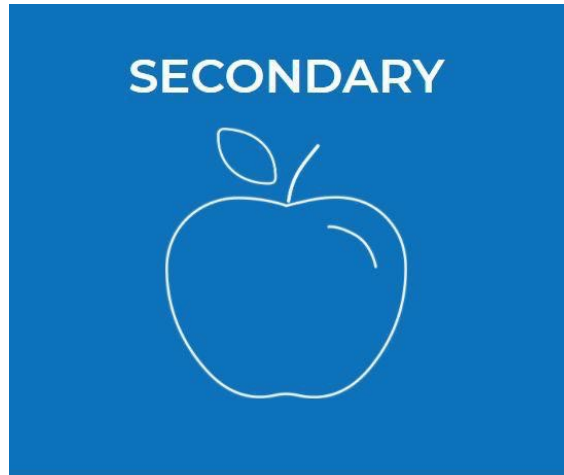
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Which Region are you Located in?

1. Chicago
2. Northeast
3. Northwest
4. Central
5. Southwest
6. Southeast



Which ATTA Stakeholder do you Represent?




Presenter Information




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Ask me about tutoring for most classes!

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What is a Transition Summit?

- In District High School Juniors/Seniors
- College Degrees
- Employability Skills
- Certificate Programs

**Transition Summit Itinerary
John A. Logan College
Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

Day Begins – Ivy-Tarvin-Crisp Rooms

9:00 - 9:10 a.m. Welcome/General Information

9:10 - 9:55 a.m. Keynote Speaker - Jeff McGoy

9:55 - 10:05 a.m. Bathroom Break

Morning Break-Out Sessions Student Choice		
	JALC Programs 2 Year/Certificate (Ivy-Tarvin-Crisp)	1Year Transfer JALC + SIU-C (Batteau)
10:05–11:05 a.m.	Group 1 (65)	Group 2 (44)

11:10 - 11:55 a.m. LUNCH: Ivy-Tarvin-Crisp Rooms - Joe's Pizza

Afternoon Break-Out Sessions All Students Attend Each Session		
	College Support (Ivy-Tarvin-Crisp)	Employability Skills (Batteau)
12:00 - 12:40 p.m.	Group A (56) Franklin & Jackson Co. Schools	Group B (69) Williamson Co. Schools
12:45 - 1:25 p.m.	Group B (69)	Group A (56)

Group A: Brehm: 11, Carbondale: 11, Elverado: 7, Murphysboro: 15, West Frankfort: 12 = 56
Group B: Carterville: 8, Crab: 5, Herrin: 24, Johnston City: 13, Marion: 19 = 69

1:25 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Return to Ivy-Tarvin-Crisp Rooms

1:30 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. Closing Remarks & Door Prize Giveaways



JALC Summit Dissected

JALC Programs/Certificates

- Presented by Career and Technical Education Advisor and Perkins Coordinator
- Different Vocational Programs
- Discusses Perkins assistance

Transfer/SIU

- Advisor discusses how an AA transfers
- Discussion of transfer with specific programs
- SIUC representative talks about SIUC and programs at SIUC

JALC Summit Dissected Cont.

College Support

- Staff from Financial Aid, Career Services, JALC Foundation, and Student Success Center
- Differences of accommodations in College vs High School are discussed
- Post-Secondary Accommodation Process
- Responsibilities of Students



Employability Skills

- Someone from the community is invited
- Walmart Manager, Loves Manager, County Clerk
- Resumes, Interview Skills, and what Employers are looking for



**Transition Summit Itinerary
Rend Lake College
Thursday, March 9, 2023**

Day Begins – EVENT CENTER

9:00 - 9:10 a.m. Welcome
9:10 - 9:55 a.m. Keynote Speaker - Jeff McGoy

9:55 - 10:05 a.m. Bathroom Break

10:05–11:05 a.m. - Morning Session
RLC Certificates/Degrees & 4-Year Transfer/University

11:10 - 11:40 a.m. - RLC Campus Tours			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Benton West Frankfort Thompsonville	Trico Pinckneyville Oakland	Woodlawn Christopher Zeigler-Royalton Sesser-Valier	Mt Vernon

11:40 - 12:10 p.m. - Lunch

Afternoon Break-Out Sessions All Students Attend Each Session		
	College Supports EVENT CENTER	Employability Skills WARRIOR LOUNGE
12:20 - 1:00 p.m.	Group A & C	Group B & D
1:05 - 1:45 p.m.	Group B & D	Group A & C

1:45 - 2:00 p.m. Closing Remarks & Door Prize Giveaways - EVENT CENTER

Rend Lake College Summit Dissected

RLC Programs/Certificates

- Presented by Dean of Applied Science & Technology Dr. Gabriele Farner

STARS/TRIO Program

- Presented by STARS/TRIO Director Nathan Biggerstaff

Other RLC Support Services

- Disabilities Access Services- Dr. Kirk L. Rhodes
- CTE Success Coaching- Emily DeForest
- Apprenticeship Program- Tanya Odum



Transfer/SIUC

- SIUC representative discusses how an AA or AS transfers
- Discussion of transfer with specific programs
- SIUC representative talks about SIUC and programs at SIUC
- Presented by Vivian Hardison, Assistant Director



Rend Lake College Summit Dissected Cont.

Employability Skills

- Jim Muir, Franklin County Circuit Clerk
- Discussed what is important out in the field when working.

What Was Not Presented

Military

- There was a session in the past but taken out this year
- Low interest from students
- Staff felt it was based around recruiting

Changes for Next Year

- Representatives from Trade Programs (Unions)
- Military Representative(s)
- More Interactive



Transition Summit Funding

The cost of each attendee is \$10

Covers lunch

The school the participant comes from is charged

Local high schools use their cooking classes for dessert and donate the dessert



- Co-Chair applies for a mini grant
- Donations from local businesses for door prizes/participation prizes

Planning

Meetings

Registration Forms

Payments

Speakers Confirmed

Day of Details



Each student and teacher is given a folder with different important materials

- Student Success Center Flyer
- FAFSA information
- Campus Map
- SIUC's Evaluation and Development Center
- DRS information
- Job Seeking Information

Mid-South Transition Planning Committee

Co-Chairs:

- Denise Jones, Tri-County Special Education STEP Coordinator
- Becky Jones, Franklin-Jefferson Special Education STEP Coordinator

Treasurer:

- Amber Thompson, Williamson County Education Services Transition/STEP Coordinator

Others:

- Dr. Kirk Rhodes, Rend Lake College Learning Enhancement and CTE Success Centers Coordinator
- Janelle Horton, John A Logan College Coordinator of Disability Support
- Department of Rehabilitative Services Representatives
- SIU Education and Developmental Center Representatives
- High School Special Education Teachers
- SICIL Representatives
- Opportunities for Access Representatives

Who to Contact to Start a Transition Summit

Contact your local TPC or your local college or university's disability office





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Questions and Discussion