

# Family Engagement in Special Education

## How are families supported by Transition Services?

Families and educators work together to provide a positive impact on student work readiness, career exploration, and workplace success. Learning about student strengths, needs, and interests in areas of transition services are helpful to students and families.



### FAMILY ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH SHOWS:

- Increased student achievement
- Improved attendance and behavior
- Improved social-emotional skills
- Increased graduation rates

## Frequently Asked Q & A

**Q:** If my student is 18 or older, can parents and families still be involved?

**A:** Yes, although we may ask your adult student for permission to include you in school related conversations. Parental involvement is incredibly important in decisions regarding their student's education and future planning.

## Overview

Parents and families often serve as the bridge between school and adult community involvement for their student. Transition Coordinators can promote collaboration between school, community, and families to achieve the best results for their student. Parents and families are valued and active participants in these conversations!

When schools work to get to know families, build positive relationships, and meaningfully involve families, it can help student development and health, promote continuity of services, and improve outcomes throughout the student's journey into adulthood.

## Need to Know

Transition Coordinators can provide the following:

- Referral services for students needing job training and job development through OOD.
- Resources for various job training and development opportunities.
- Information for parents, families, and students for college support services such as "I know I Can".
- Individualized activities and/or resources related to employment, daily living skills, & independent living.

**If you have questions about transition services, contact your student's Transition Coordinator.**

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