

Learn More About The Arc Tennessee's Secondary Transition Project

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The Arc Tennessee advocates for the rights and full participation of all people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Through our family-based network of members and chapters, we support and empower individuals and families; connect and inform individuals and families; improve support and service systems; influence public policy; increase public awareness; and inspire inclusive communities.

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**Helping Families and
Students Transition
into Adult Life**


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What is the Secondary Transition Project?

Secondary Transition Project is a program of The Arc Tennessee, and funded by the Tennessee Department of Education.

The Secondary Transition Project helps families and students prepare for the challenges of Secondary Transition.

The Secondary Transition Project:

- Enhances and improves available resources;
- Creates and updates the Tennessee Secondary Transition Family Handbook;
- Provides training for families and students about the process of secondary transition, self-determination, self-advocacy, and student-driven IEP's;
- Makes training and resources available via the internet;
- Creates and distributes brochures: Secondary Transition Overview, Secondary Transition Process, Self-Determination, Self-Advocacy, and Student-Driven IEP's;
- Develops a group of (Secondary Transition) parent mentors;
- Serves as a Secondary Transition resource to families, students, and educators;
- Builds and enhances Secondary Transition collaborations.

Project Vision

Families, students, and educators become knowledgeable about the secondary transition process, self-determination, self-advocacy, student-driven IEP's, and resources, so that young adults transition into adulthood, with quality lives they and their families design.



The Challenge

Secondary Transition can be a confusing time. Often parents, teachers, and administrators have the same concerns – how to mold students into productive members of society.

The Secondary Transition Project promotes collaboration between families, students, and educators, to help meet the student's Secondary Transition needs.

Project Outcomes

The Secondary Transition Project helps families and students understand the Secondary Transition process, see the possibilities for adult life, and become aware of resources available to help make their dreams come true.

The process of **Secondary Transition** includes assessment, gathering information, planning, family and student involvement, interagency collaboration, and inclusive community experiences.



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