Navigating for Adult Life
Supporting Students Through Secondary Transition
Why Spend More Effort on Secondary Transition?

- Students with disabilities face barriers

- Planning for transition to adulthood is required by law

- The Arc of Tennessee’s Secondary Transition Handbook
Critical Elements of Transition

Transition to Adulthood

- Transition Assessment
- Transition Planning & IEP
- Family Involvement
- Student Involvement
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Inclusion, Access & Accountability
- Interagency & Community Services
Definition of Transition Services

Coordinated set of Activities

- Results-Oriented Process
- Improves the Academic and Functional Achievement
- Facilitates the Student’s to Post-School Activities
Transition Assessments...

- Age Appropriate Transition Assessments
- Purpose of Transition Assessments
Secondary Transition Plan: Details

- Plan of Study
- Education/Training
- Employment
- Housing
- Transportation
- Independent Living
- Interagency Collaboration

STUDENT’S PREFERENCES, INTERESTS, AND NEEDS
Elements of Adult Life

- Living
- Working
- Learning
- Loving
- Being
- Supports
Secondary Transition Goal Example

Upon completion of high school, Paulo will prepare for work each day by dressing, making his bed, making his lunch, and accessing transportation. (separate, independent living)
Upon completion of high school, George will pursue a general associates degree program at a community college in August of 2017. (separate, education or training)
When a Student Turns 18 . . .

- Specific Rights Transfer to Student
- Documentation in the IEP
- Meeting Notifications
- Notification and Consent for Evaluation
- Selection of IEP Participants
- Approval of IEP Contents
- Approval of IEP Changes/Placement
Secondary Transition is a Process

- Addressed Annually in an IEP Team Meeting
- Identification of Preferences, Interests, and Needs
- Student Vision for the Future
- Secondary Transition Plan in the IEP
- Implementation of IEP
- Evaluation of Results
Responsibility for Secondary Transition Plan Outcomes?

The Buck Stops with the School System
Online Resources

- Tennessee Disability Pathfinder
  http://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/pathfinder/
- Transition Coalition Training Modules
  http://transitioncoalition.org
- Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment
  http://www.ou.edu/education/centers-and-partnerships/zarrow.html
- National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center on Transition
  http://transitionnta.org/
- National Center on Secondary Education and Transition
  www.ncset.org
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