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Transition Assessments-Cornerstone to the IEP/Transition Plan

NEBRASKA TRANSITION WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

*Holiday Inn Conference Center, 110 2nd Avenue, Kearney, NE
8:30 am - 3:00 pm*

Presenters:

*Ryan Foor & Richard Katt, NDE Career Education
James Martin, Ph.D., and Amber McConnell, Ph.D. Zarrow
Center, University of Oklahoma*

Who Should Attend: Transition Specialists, High School Resource Teachers, Counselors, Service Providers, Parents, Administrators, VR and Agencies

Conference Overview

Transition assessment is a required component and effective tool for transition planning. With active involvement from students and collaboration with teachers, counselors, VR and other work-related experiences, meaningful post-secondary goals can be developed based on students' assessed needs and preferences related to Work, Education, Training and Independent living, including community involvement. The conference will provide:

- Nebraska career education strategies to bridge the gap between schools and employers, AQuESTT
- An overview of concepts and types of transition assessments
- A demonstration of the use of transition assessments in the areas of working, learning and living
- Training in the use of transition assessments to write postsecondary goals, annual IEP goals, identify transition services, and partner with families in transition planning



Questions regarding the conference:

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Dr. James Martin holds the Zarrow Chair in special education at the University of Oklahoma (OU) and is director of OU's Zarrow Center. Prior to working on his doctoral degree, Dr. Martin worked for four years with a community Arc program in Illinois where he developed and implemented community educational, employment and living programs for youth and adults with developmental disabilities and emotional problems. He earned his Ph.D. in special education from the University of Illinois with a focus on transition. Most recently, the National Center for Special Education Research awarded him a four-year research grant to develop a new transition assessment. In 2006, the Council for Exceptional Children's Division on Career Development and Transition awarded Professor Martin the Oliver P. Kolstoe Award for his efforts to improve the quality and access to career and transition services for people with disabilities.



Dr. Amber McConnell is the project coordinator for the Transition Assessment and Goal Generator (TAGG) development study funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, Special Education Research. The TAGG development study is a multi-state study that aims to develop a transition assessment that identifies behaviors and skills known to indicate post-school employment and education for students with disabilities that educators can use to develop annual transition goals. Dr. McConnell joined the Zarrow Center as a Sooner Scholar in the fall of 2008 and graduated with a doctorate in special education in Spring 2012. She has attended several Oklahoma universities, including Oklahoma State University, the University of Tulsa and Northeastern State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in mid-to- moderate Special Education and a Master of Science degree in Collegiate Scholarship and Services with an emphasis on Student Personnel Services.

Ryan Foor & Richard Katt Nebraska Career Education, Nebraska Department of Education

Elizabeth Paesl, Coordinator Nebraska Youth Leadership (NYLC)

Brigid Griffin, Program Director For Transition Services, Office of VR-

ONLINE REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEE \$25.00 (includes conference materials, refreshments and lunch)

Register online at <https://connect.esu9.org/workshops/SectionList.aspx> Registration deadline is Friday, October 23, 2015 (space is limited). Confirmation of registration will be emailed. For registration questions, contact Barb Fischer; (402) 463-5611; barb.fischer@esu9.us

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

A registration fee is charged to all participants, including no shows, who do not cancel their registration by Friday, October 23.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

If special dietary requests are required, please complete the appropriate section of the online registration form.