Introduction

Connecticut has a wealth of resources and services that can assist all students to be college and career ready when they exit high school. *EASING into SECONDARY TRANSITION: A Comprehensive Guide to Resources and Services in Connecticut* is an opportunity for educators, students and families throughout Connecticut to identify and access these secondary transition planning resources.

The Guide has two sections of information:

The first section of the Guide provides the user with a Contact Information Sheet that includes names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and websites for each Agency. The Agency websites are hyperlinked for easy access. The designated contacts can provide the user with additional information regarding secondary transition resources and services offered by that agency. They can also provide information on customized services and supports and additional services that may not be included in the Guide.

The second section of the Guide provides the user with a list of statewide secondary resources and services. Each agency is listed at the top of the page by an acronym that is hyperlinked for easy website access. The Stars in the column beneath each agency identify the specific transition-related resources and customized services, supports, and additional services they provide.

Using the Key at the top of the page, each topic is designated as the following:

- **S**=Service  
- **T**=Technical Assistance  
- **W**=Workshop/PD

Some of the listings have multiple codes because the agencies that provide the resource/service may use different formats. For more specific information, please contact the agency personnel listed on the Contact Information Sheet.

We hope you find *EASING into SECONDARY TRANSITION: A Comprehensive Guide to Resources and Services in Connecticut* a valuable tool as you navigate through secondary transition planning.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **What is a Regional Educational Service Center (RESC)?**  
   Every school district in Connecticut benefits from services provided by Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs). Through RESCs, school districts and the communities that surround them have access to high quality, cost-effective collaborative programs and initiatives.

   Several RESCs run schools and programs, including magnet schools and schools for students with learning and developmental disabilities.

   All RESCs support the instructional and operational components of Connecticut school districts. RESCs design and deliver community-based education, professional and curriculum development, strategic planning and human service programs. These RESC services and programs add to the economic well-being and quality of educational life throughout the state.

2. **What if the Agencies in my area do not offer a particular training or service?**  
   Contact the person at the agency and see if they can provide the same or similar service. The more calls they receive about a particular training or service, the more likely they might be able to provide it.

3. **May I attend a training that is offered by a Agency in another part of the state?**  
   Attendance at RESC events is determined on the local level. Certainly call or email the agency contact person and inquire if anyone is able to participate in the specific training or event.
Welcome to Easing Into Secondary Transition: A Comprehensive Guide to Resources and Services in Connecticut. This publication is a collaborative effort between the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS), the CT State Department of Education (CSDE), the Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs), the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC), the State Education Resource Center (SERC), Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB), the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). The intent of this guide is to provide information about professional development opportunities related to secondary transition as well as resources and services available statewide. These opportunities are wonderful resources for districts looking to improve and enhance secondary transition services. This guide captures a sampling of the available statewide offerings related to secondary education and adult services. Please contact the individuals listed for more specific information and to discuss customized services to address your district’s needs.

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### Alignment of SSPs with Individualized Plans

#### Eligibility

1. Assistive Technology Assessments
2. Assistive Technology & Transition
3. Career Guidance and Counseling
4. Common Core State Standards
5. Community-Based Transition Services: A Path to College and Career Readiness
6. Co-Teaching
7. Eligibility
8. e-learning modules
9. Establishing/Evaluating Transition and Community-Based Services
10. Family Consultation and Technical Assistance
11. Job-Site Assessment and Accommodations
12. Legal compliance with Department of Labor
13. MAPS/PATH/Person Centered Planning
14. Navigating the Adult Service System
15. One-on-one Transition Planning Support
16. Opportunity to observe internal Transition Coordinators
17. Preparing for the Road Ahead: Helping Students Transition to College & Careers
18. Post-High School Training and Education
19. Presentations to students, families, schools about BRS and employment for individuals with disabilities
20. Regional Transition Networks
21. Responsible Inclusive Practice: Online Learning Modules
22. Secondary Transition-CSDE Annual Updates
23. Secondary Transition Planning: Making the IEP a Living Document
24. Site Visits
25. Special Education and Related Services (on-site out placement services, inpatient care)
26. Statewide Events Calendar and Resources
27. Student Consultation and Technical Assistance
28. Student Success Plans
29. Transition Planning (special education services inpatient care)
30. Transition/Vocational Assessments
31. Transition materials and resources in English and Spanish (hard copy, website, e-newsletter)
32. Vocational Rehabilitation (on-site, off-site inpatient/outpatient care)
33. What Parents Need to Know about High School Transition Planning and Services
34. Young Adult Program
35. Community Based Transition Services (18-21)
36. Workshops on Transition-Related Topics

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