

**Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Office of Special Education
Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities
Arkansas Transition Services, July 2021**

- Three hundred sixty-three people from 135 districts participated in five Transition Assessment Modules that share basic information to participants on the assessment selection process, employment/education training assessments, and independent living skills assessments. We are offering a post-module training this summer in Pulaski County and through all Education Service Cooperatives.
- In an effort to increase compliance with Indicator 13, Arkansas Transition Services consultants are providing Indicator 13 Checklist overviews along with simultaneous teacher reviews of transition plans. We have also incorporated information to raise awareness on high leverage practices.
- Film Camp, in collaboration with Division of Career and Technical Education Arkansas Department of Education, University of Arkansas Pulaski Tech, and Inclusion Films, was a success. Twenty-three students attended daily sessions for a total of six days and shot videos over the weekend as part of their team's final product – a Public Service Announcement (PSA) on post-secondary outcomes that are now housed as a resource on our website! We successfully completed our first virtual Film Camp! Each team made a PSA on transition outcomes and every student was interviewed by Joey Travolta. Check out the PSAs here: <http://www.arkansastransition.com/index.php/component/content/article?id=150> Students also participated in humorous interviews with Joey Travolta that gave them experience at thinking on their feet, communication, and general interview skills. Career and Technical Education teachers attended sessions for student support. University of Arkansas Pulaski Tech provided student mentors for additional support.
- In an effort to keep everyone safe as vaccinations become more available, Virtual College Bound Arkansas was held over a 2-week period (2 sessions for 3 days each week) June 8-10 and 15-17. Twenty-one students and 18 parents and professionals registered. Session topics included understanding supports available in the post-secondary setting, using technology in post-secondary settings, personal safety, study/organizational skills, self-determination, cooking at college and more!
- Six schools agreed to be a part of the SDLMI Pilot Schools. The training, which began June 14 and will wrap up at the end of July, will prepare teachers for implementation of this evidence-based practice in the Fall and Spring of 2021-2022.
- We held a Video Modeling Train-the-Trainer two-day session and participants from around the state attended. It was a great training and there are a variety of ideas for training more professionals and parents on this evidence-based practice. Arkansas Transition Services will also host a Video Modeling Library on our website which can be used by others in need of a specific modeled task.
- The Arkansas Core Team attended the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition: the Collaborative's Virtual Capacity Building Institute. Sonja Wright-McMurray and Bonnie Boaz presented on the Arkansas Transition Services and the Division of Career and Technical Education's collaborative efforts. The team will meet regularly to continue interagency collaboration and improve secondary transition for students with disabilities.
- The Arkansas Brain Injury Specialist and Arkansas Transition Services is partnering to host an Executive Functioning Skills Training with Dr. Peg Dawson on July 20, 2021. We will also provide stipends to 8 selected applicants to participate in Dr. Dawson's online course.
- We are excited to look ahead for future opportunities to meet with local transition teams and provide professional learning opportunities on-site.