

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Special Education Unit Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities Arkansas Transition Services, October 2020

- The Arkansas Transition Services team has a lot in store as we continue to provide our services across the state.
- We have been working on Modules that will take participants through the assessment selection process to the transition planning process. We have almost completed the first introductory module and hope to have three additional modules completed this fall.
- We will also have resources for teachers to build a student portfolio in Livebinder, to be available soon! This resource is currently being developed and will have resources and important information for each domain of transition so that teachers can help students customize their own portfolio to take with them when they leave high school.
- Tony Vincent of *Learning in Hand*, provided the first of three sessions to a group of teachers last week. The session was entitled, "Electrify Any Lesson," and included demonstrations of incredible resources and strategies to make both on-site and virtual lessons more engaging to students. His next sessions will actually be geared more toward students and will demonstrate different note-taking and study skills to help students on the road to positive post-school outcomes.
- Arkansas Transition Services is partnering with the University of Kansas (KU) to give 2100 students access to the Self-Determination Inventory, an online assessment that is part of the evidence-based practice, Self-Determined Learning Model of Instruction. Students will be encouraged to take the assessment three times throughout the year and KU will share that data with the schools of those students as a way to incorporate meaningful activities within the transition plan that will help guide them toward successful outcomes. We will begin recruiting districts to participate in the Self-Determined Learning Model of Instruction (SDLMI) in the fall.
- Dr. Alfred Daviso with Ohio State University will be our featured presenter in a series of webinars on different apps to use for transition planning. Dr. Daviso has presented at several national conferences and is an invaluable resource for technology in transition.
- We will begin a Public Service Announcement Project tomorrow with Joey Travolta. We look forward to sharing the final results of nine students who will virtually work together over a series of four sessions to create a public service announcement on voting rights and responsibilities. The name of the project is: "Vote 2020: Make YOUR Choice!"
- In May, we hosted an online session on "Video Modeling" with Dr. Ryan Kellems, of Brigham Young University. We are currently working with Dr. Kellems to continue with 3-4 additional sessions and customized technical assistance for special educators and related service personnel to make video modeling a more common strategy used in the schools.
- As part of our ongoing work, we continue to provide facilitated guidance on the Predictors Implementation Self-Assessment Tool, which will help school teams identify their current use of predictors that lead to positive post-school outcomes and how to build plans that include more predictors and evidence-based practices. As school transition programs grow, there is a need for more structured guidance on work experience programs and transition classes. We are excited to be working on tools and resources for work experience in all capacities, including virtual!