

Are you.....

- ...a young person with a disability?
- ...a family member of a school-age child with a disability?
- ...someone who serves or supports children with disabilities?
- ...a special education or transition teacher?
- ...a school counselor?
- ...a case manager?

For everyone, transition is a constant life process of moving on from one phase to the next. Sometimes transition periods are smooth—sometimes they aren't. For a kid learning to live with a disability, the ups and downs of life's transitions can seem overwhelming. What others may perceive as a routine transition may produce anxiety, fear and confusion for the young person with a disability.

The *Transition Toolkit* is intended to ease the stress of transition for students with disabilities and their families. Our goal is to provide a functional tool that is versatile, portable and useful. For kids with disabilities, the toolkit is a good way to document goals and dreams and map out a way to achieve them. For parents, the toolkit includes tips, techniques and tactics to assure your son/daughter's successful transition.

Everything about the *Transition Toolkit*—from the way it's organized to the topics that are covered—comes from the “been there, done that” experiences of young people with disabilities, their families and veteran transition professionals. We hope this “If I knew then what I know now” information will help students and families avoid the pitfalls and frustrations that can come up in the transition process. We also hope you'll add your own “lessons learned” along the way by sharing information you find useful; helpful websites, books or other resources and your own experiences.

Imagine Enterprises envisions a world where all people, including those with significant support needs, are respected, valued and provided opportunity in the workplace and the community. The Board, staff, and consultants of Imagine Enterprises are committed to finding new and innovative approaches to assist people with disabilities and their families to successfully negotiate the service system and to use their public and personal resources to acquire a meaningful and productive life in the community – just like everyone else. Providing training, direct service and resources, Imagine supports people to obtain their goals.



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