

Kentucky Interagency Transition Council For Persons with Disabilities

**Quarterly Meeting
April 30, 2021**



Minutes

9:30 – 9:35 **Welcome and Introductions**

9:35 – 9:45 **KITC: NACT Capacity Building Institute**

Allison Johnson (OSEEL/KDE), Jonathan White (OVR), Lou-Ann Land (KITC)

- Goal is for each state to develop a comprehensive transition plan for the year. This year's team has representatives from KDE, CTE, OVR, DJJ, coops, HDI, and higher education and will be facilitated by Sean Roy with TransCen, Inc. Begins on Monday, May 3rd and will be virtual. We will bring information back to KITC in July. To provide input please email Allison, Jonathan, or Lou-Ann.

9:45 - 10:00 **Summer Leadership Experience Camp**

Teresa Belluscio (HDI)

<https://youtu.be/-uk8pyWiqLk>

- This year's [Summer Leadership Experience Camp](#) is July 7th-10th on UK's campus (residence halls). This is the camp's 5th year, and the application deadline is June 11th.
- The camp is for all KY upperclassmen HS students with disabilities who are thinking about their educational step past HS. Students must meet pre-ETS criteria. This camp is not just for students who are interested in attending UK. If student will be directly entering the job force this is probably not the right camp for them.
- Drop offs will occur on Wednesday evening and pick-up's will be on Saturday around noon.
- There will be many activities, learning experiences, and speakers (EKU/UK/Sullivan/KCTCS/Carl D. Perkins). Students will learn about educational opportunities and how to achieve those goals. Will also learn about transportation, financial aid, self-advocacy, etc. Help will be provided by peer mentors and transition specialists.
- [Registration](#) is required. Applicants also need a recommendation letter and a \$50 camp fee. Contact Teresa.belluscio@uky.edu if the student does not have \$50. COVID guidelines will be followed, and applicants must check that they reviewed these guidelines in the online registration process.

10:00 – 11:00 **Presentation: KentuckyWorks – A Walk Through the Resources**

Stephanie Meredith (KentuckyWorks/HDI)

<https://youtu.be/8eTWUy4ti2w>

- [KentuckyWorks](#) has documented many resources that exist in KY and throughout the nation and has created original resources as well.
- Many resources are geared towards people with disabilities. Documents are written in plain language and the accessibility icon allows the page to be read aloud.
- All modules are free and available through the Learning Management System.
- Click 'Training' to access KentuckyWorks original training modules.
- Click 'Resource' and 'For Professionals' to navigate the site by topic.
- Click 'Resources' and 'KentuckyWorks Products' to locate training modules geared towards professionals and families:
 - Downloadable flyers for dissemination.
 - The Transition 101 and 102 modules have been updated. These modules review key steps in the transition and legal process, types of employment, and help make sense of the numbers. More videos have been added of families and their stories. Getting families involved and engaged from an early age is very important and starts in the pre-school years.
 - Transition 105 is for professionals and how to encourage families to be more engaged. There is also a great module on the HDI Transportation Initiative.
 - Scroll down to see KYWorks Infographics. Jeff White updates these every year.
 - The KY Comprehensive Transition & Postsecondary Programs Brief gives more information on where we are with the development of CTPs.
 - KY Checklists for a Bright Future is directed towards youth, parents, and caregivers and can be downloaded by age groups to see specific checklists.
 - The Transition Overview Document was created in collaboration with KDE. Gives families/professionals basic overview of laws and different programs.
 - Brighter Futures Vision Statement is a template for older students. It's a great document to start off an IEP or OVR meeting. Highlights student's challenges, interests, strengths, and skills.
 - KYWorks SSI 101 Video reviews facts and myths. Numbers are updated every year and the video includes everything a family needs to understand the process and how to combine work and benefits.
- Click 'Resources' and 'Find KYWorks Tool' to complete a survey that will help you find resources on the website that are applicable and customized.
- Click 'Blog' to read stories chronicling the transition journey.
- Click 'Data' to review what's happening in KY right now. Numbers can be discouraging but motivating.
- Click 'About' to find events, activities, and updates as well as who's working on what initiatives.

- We periodically send email blasts to principals, KDE and regional coops. We've also done presentations for coops and presented at different conferences. Any help we can get in disseminating resources is great.
- As we near the end of the grant, we need to figure out a sustainable model to continue to provide these resources. We will let you know where to find resources in the future.
- Sign up for the KentuckyWorks [newsletter](#).

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15 – 11:20 **YOYO: Resource Guide**
Chelsea Bocard (KYPSO/HDI)

- KYPSO's [Supplemental YOYO Resource Manual](#) has recently been updated to include additional resources. Please contact Chelsea.bocard@uky.edu for suggested additions. The manual is a work in progress.
- As YOYO interviews are being conducted, YOYO interviewers can reference this manual if their student needs resources/services.

11:20 - 11:30 **Survey Update**
Tony LoBianco (KYPSO/HDI)

- The YOYO opened April 1st and will stay open until August 31st. Right now, we're at an 11% response rate which is lower than we'd like. We usually aim for 60%. Last year we had around 58%. Most districts haven't started yet. If coops could provide a gentle nudge that would be appreciated. Will send out list of all districts and where they're at next week.
- If districts have not already done so they should download and disseminate the [Former Student Letter](#) to notify students and parents that they will be receiving a call.
- A reminder to join the [KYPSO and YOYO Discussion Forum](#).

11:30 – 12:00 **Agency Updates**

OSEEL/KDE (*Allison Johnson*)

- OSEEL is participating in NTACT and we have high expectations.
- We continue to provide TA to parents, school, and districts as requested.
- IDEA monitoring is ongoing.
- OSEEL recently presented at two live Teams events sharing [ARC Guidance Resources](#) on FAPE and Compensatory Education. One for district staff and one for parents/families.

Homeless Education/KDE (*Melissa Ferrell*)

- This school year has involved a lot of monitoring: Title I desk audits, consolidated monitoring, McKinney-Vento grant monitoring. Going through an RFA process for McKinney-Vento grant to choose grantees for the next three-year cycles.

OVR (*Jonathan White*)

- We're still in the process of creating our transition services branch. On April 16th Veronica Dale joined as our new Branch Manager.
- We're also conducting interviews for an administrator position over CWTP and we're in the process of hiring Pre-ETS Service Coordinators. This is a brand-new position and there will be 6 coordinators across the state. They will handle paperwork, process authorizations, and track pre-ETS services for all their students in those regions. When students are potentially eligible these coordinators will communicate with the schools and create authorizations, pay invoices, and track the number of hours each student receives of those 5 services so we can look at their hours received. If it's time for the student to apply they'll be referred to an OVR counselor.
- In the process of hiring another Assistant Director.
- We're also trying to provide consistent messaging around the differences between pre-ETS and transition services as this is confusing among school staff.
- We were informed in March that the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) will be monitoring KY this year. Last month we put teams together to provide documentation that the federal oversight administration has requested. They'll be coming here virtually in July. Our focus is making sure we're in compliance. Will be great opportunity to get TA from RSA.

KVEC (*Denny May*)

- Three solid RITT meetings this year and we're excited about 6 new partners.
- This is the time (Due Process Consulting) when we go to districts and review files. This informs our training that we conduct with HS special education staff. We allow them to go back and make corrections and then we do a second review.
- We've partnered with KEDC's Jenny Hogg to present a couple of webinars for KY-SPIN on transition for students from Elementary to Middle and Middle to HS.

KEDC (*Jenny Hogg and Julia Staton*)

- Asked by KY-SPIN to provide Tuesday sessions. These are recorded and available for parents and provide supports for transitioning from Elementary to MS. We also did a follow up on transition to HS from MS.
- Continue to support teacher cadres during semi regular meetings. Provide support around indicator 13 and corrective action plans.
- We held a virtual transition fair this week for HS age students. Focused on post-secondary. Around 400 attended.
- For the most part we are still providing services virtually.

SESC (*Angel Stephens and April Brock*)

- Finished up first virtual fair. 18 schools participated across the region and 240 students total were in attendance. All students with disabilities represented. Teachers were involved.
- Finished a 5-part series parent lunch webinar with KY-SPIN. Good turnout being virtual. Around 20 parents attended each session.

- Had our first transition cadre meeting with teachers from across the region. Conducted record reviews and indicator 13 compliance was embedded. We provided resources and, in the future, will pass along resources from KentuckyWorks.
- Providing pre-ETS. Presentations were virtual this year. Created online modules for students and we had participation with that as well.
- Will continue monthly virtual RIT meetings. May move into a permanent hybrid model moving forward.

GRREC (*Marisa Duarte*)

- Continuing to provide due process and indicator 13 training.
- Providing hybrid pre-ETS services for students.
- Holding quarterly RITT meetings. We've had increased participation since going virtual. Will continue that for the 21-22 year.

GLEC (*Kelly Dockery-Brooks*)

- Continuing to provide one-on-one and group virtual pre-ETS services.
- Last RITT meeting with OVEC was April 15th and there was a nice turnout.
- Preparing for summer – making lesson plans and getting ready to train teachers and work in some of the schools.
- Conference on May 5th – collaborating with KY SPIN.

P&A (*Robbin Richie*)

- Monitor facilities that service individuals with disabilities. Includes DJJ, psychiatric residential treatment facilities/hospitals, and PCC's. We're now back to in person. Part of that monitoring process is interviewing administrators and residents. We learn about any academic struggles. We want to encourage districts to reach out to their coop for resources.

OCSHCN (*Lee Gordon*)

- We have 10 clinics around state, providing service from birth to age 21. Some are virtual through telehealth and some are in person.
- Small grant was received to provide trainings on the benefits of using telehealth. Some of these trainings will occur over the next couple months and will be geared towards families who aren't comfortable using a computer/internet.

University of Louisville (*Samantha Walte*)

- Working with our School of Social Work to write a personal preparation grant to get special ed teachers who are trained in transition/post-transition life. They'll graduate with their master's in social work who have specific VR, etc. They'll take courses together and separate. Internship experiences. We're still in building phase. If anyone can provide input (what you'd like someone in that program to know) contact me and we'll add those components:
sawalt04@louisville.edu.

KentuckyWorks and BHDID (*Jeff White*)

- We have a group of four provider organizations across the state who are participating with us in the National Community of Practice to build provider capacity and services to transitioning students and adults. They'll receive modeling/mentoring assistance from providers in Ohio, Tennessee, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. They've already been through the struggles that we're just starting. Great opportunity for those providers to build some nationwide resources and move things ahead in KY.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 30, 2021

Other 2021 Meeting Dates: October 29, 2021

Attendees:

Allison Johnson – OSEEL/KDE
Amanda Waldroup – OSEEL/KDE
Angel Stephens – SESC
April Brock – SESC
Carrie Stith-Webster – OVEC
Chelsea Bocard – KYPSO/HDI
Christina Krantz – CKEC
Denny May - KVEC
Jeff White – BHDID and KentuckyWorks
Jenny Hogg - KEDC
Jill Griffiths – CWTP/HDI
Jonathan White - OVR
Julia Staton – KEDC
Kelly Dockery-Brooks - GLEC
Lauren Chamberlain – KCTCS
Lee Gordon – OCSHCN
Lou-Ann Land – KYPSO/HDI
Marisa Duarte – GRREC
Melissa Ferrell – Homeless Education/KDE
Michaela Evans – KY-SPIN
Robbin Richie – P&A
Samantha Walte – UofL
Stephanie Meredith – KentuckyWorks/HDI
Teresa Belluscio – HDI
Tom Simmons - UofL
Tony Lobianco – KYPSO/HDI
Veronica Dale – OVR
Veronica Sullivan - OSEEL/KDE