

Kentucky Interagency Transition Council For Persons with Disabilities

Quarterly Meeting
January 27, 2023

Welcome & Introductions

Set Future Meeting Dates

- Will keep the 2023 quarterly meetings on fourth Fridays. Mark your calendars for:
 - April 28
 - July 28
 - October 27

KITC Updates: Student Representative

- We have an informational flyer. The flyer contains a link to [complete the application](#) (google form). Student would also need to provide a supporting letter from the school and parent/caregiver. The flyer/application can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3jrxERV>.
- We provide a template for the letter of support from the school. School representative must check that they understand the KITC meetings will be considered attendance of a school-sanctioned activity.
- Will start recruiting two student representatives in March so that we have someone that can begin on July 1.
- Would like one school-age student and a recent post-school student (hopefully receiving OVR services).
- One-year commitment (July 1 – June 30) with the option to serve a second year.
- We need to begin disseminating the flyer. DOSE listserv, coops, homeless coordinators, OVR counselors may be able to help disseminate recruiting materials. 504 Coordinator should also be included.
- Think about compensation for participating students. It helps young people feel valued.

NTACT-C CBI Annual Transition Plan

- Recommend that everyone [sign up for an NTACT account](#). They have wonderful transition resources.
- The annual [Capacity Building Institute \(CBI\)](#) is May 16-18, 2023, in Charlotte, NC. KITC has been the basis for getting a team together for this. The CBI is a hybrid of learning and planning. Attendees attend sessions on various transition topics for part of the day and meet with a facilitator to work on an annual state transition plan of action.
- The team will continue their work on state transition goals, and they are assigned a facilitator.
- Institute itself is free of charge, but there are still travel expenses.
- Kentucky team this year will include several members of the KITC NTACT sub-committee. The current NTACT committee members are:
 - Jonathan White, OVR
 - Dorothy Jenkins, OVR
 - Veronica Dale, OVR
 - Beth McDaniel, OVR
 - Tony LoBianco, KYPSO
 - Lou-Ann Land, KYPSO
 - Jason Wheatley, KDE/OSEEL
 - Will Kayatin, KVEC
 - Luv'Tesha Robertson, OAE
 - Tania Sharp, KDE/OSEEL
 - Lynn Petrey, KDE/OSEEL
 - If you are interested in being part of NTACT sub-committee and/or the team that attends the capacity building institute, please let Lou-Ann know. Lou-ann.land@uky.edu
- Goals:
 1. Improve the ability of systems serving transition-age youth to evaluate the effectiveness of their services through coordinated data gathering, sharing, and usage.
 - We're exploring common identifiers, completing an interagency environmental scan, conducting analysis to identify gaps in data gathering/sharing/usage, and constructing recommendations.
 - We've identified data currently collected by KDE and OVR
 - Confirmed the existence of MOAs
 - Learned more about KYSTATS
 - Created focus group protocol and set a date for pilot focus group interview (February 3).
 2. Align policies and procedures across agencies and regions of the state to better address gaps and reduce duplication of transition services.

- Complete environmental scan and review of existing models of transition, including NTACT taxonomy and other state models, review across agencies, and determine how to assess needs (needs survey?).
 - Realized we needed data through Goal 1 first. A focus group protocol and interview questions were developed to gather information on successes and barriers to transition programming.

Agency Updates

OSEEL/KDE (Bill Bates)

- Scott has accepted a new position as Data Systems Specialist in Jefferson County Public Schools for Exceptional Child Education.
- The [2023 Kentucky CTE Summer Program](#) will take place July 18-21, 2023, and is open to anyone.

OVR (Dorothy Jenkins)

- Working with NTACT facilitators to work on a data-sharing system across the state.
- We've recently implemented a new pre-VR system.

KVEC (Will Kayatin)

- Building teacher capacity and working with students at colleges and universities.

NKCES (Emily Borchers)

- In the process of hiring someone to facilitate transition grants. Will then begin planning transition fairs.

GRREC (Katrinka Wagoner and Stacie Hutchinson)

- Excited about the work we're doing with RIIT. Jonathan came to talk about pre-ETS.
- Working on updating our 'Services at a Glance' documents.
- Low Incidence Task Group met yesterday for coops across the state. Working on getting information out to rural areas.

SESC (Amber Absher)

- Supporting districts on indicator 13. We've also asked Lou-Ann to come in and help train on our districts on KYPSO/YOYO.

- Katrinka shared with us the directory they're working on with RIIT. We're going to implement this with our RIIT as well.
- Received MOA yesterday for hiring a transition grant position. Hopefully will be ready to go on March 1. Hope to have them participate in RIIT and transition cadres (event planning process).
- Supporting option 6 teachers moving forward with transition.
- [Summer Institute](#) is July 12, 13, 19, and 20. Two locations for convenience.

BHDID (Jeff White)

- Received training on KY State Guardianship. There are many myths.
- At yesterday's [Employment First Kentucky](#) council meeting, Kentucky was selected as a core state for the National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network (NEON). As a core state, we'll be working with ten other states and the District of Columbia.
- NEON includes Employment First Kentucky council members, relevant agencies, and self-advocates.

P&A (Beth Metzger)

- Created interactive training geared towards participants at sheltered workshops. The training is called Knowledge Empowers You (KEY) To Work. Presented six training in Western KY to 211 people. Will schedule other trainings for February.
- If anyone has transition fairs or student groups that you'd like to offer this training to – let me know. Training is free. Elizabeth.metzger@ky.gov

KY-SPIN (Nick Carpenter)

- KY-SPIN has many learning opportunities this spring. All events can be found at <https://www.kyspin.com/events/>
- You can download and share all flyers, but here are a couple coming up soon:
 - [Bridging the Gap: Supporting Families in Special Education](#)
 - [Bridging the Gap in Special Education](#)

DBHDID (Janice Johnston)

- The Department for Behavioral Health oversees all mental health centers (14) across the state. We now require each center to have Transitioning to Youth Coordinators. Their role will be to help figure out what types of supports/services are available within the mental health center that will help young people. They are also expected to reach out to at least five community partners within the year to help bridge those gaps.
- Helping to support the Health Transition grant which will help increase access to mental health services for transition-age youth. Focusing on opening drop-in centers across the state with open

access hours. They'll be operated out of the mental health centers. No appointment or intake.
<https://www.taylrd.org/>.

GLEC (Kelly Dockery-Brooks)

- Providing pre-ETS services throughout the district. Hopefully, this semester we'll be able to have job tours. Planning those.

ARP/KDE (Lynn Petrey)

- There will be a free [PossAbilities Expo](#) (Formerly known as the Special Needs Expo) in Bowling Green on April 22, 2023. They're looking for presentation ideas. Talked to GREEC about sponsoring the program.

KDE (Zach Stumbo)

- McKinney-Vento – working with the district liaisons this year to roll out a bi-monthly newsletter. If there's anything you want to be included, let me know: zachary.stumbo@education.ky.gov.
- Last year we had about 1,370 students transitioning out of a homeless program across the state.
- We're working on ensuring each liaison knows they can help homeless students become independent for the FAFSA. The federal government signed off on liaisons signing off on independent status for multiple years. Anything you'd like MV liaisons to know about, let me know.
- During the off months, we're doing webinars for them. If you want anything worked in there, let me know.

CWTP/HDI (Jill Griffiths)

- Conducting ten program reviews.
- Training new Employment Specialists. We've been on-site with them.
- Fielding inquiries about districts that want to join for next year.
- Always providing TA and on-site visits.
- [2022-23 CWTP Fact Sheet](#)

Next meeting: Friday, April 28, 2023

Attendees:

Amber Absher – SESC

Beth Metzger – P&A

Bill Bates – OSEEL/KDE

Dorothy Jenkins – OVR

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