



TRANSITION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Transition Partnership Program is a community-based program that provides employment training, life skills training and job placement services to students with special needs who are transitioning between school and work.

Scope

Education for disabled students has been viewed as a right since the 1975 passage of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (*Public Law 94–142*). This federal legislation established the delivery of educational services based on a thorough assessment of student needs and provides for the services to be delivered in the least restrictive environment.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as amended in 1997 (*Public Law 101–476*) responded to concerns about segregated approaches to delivering special education by placing emphasis on inclusive schools. The act addresses the need for transition planning and preparation for the time when students with disabilities will no longer be in school by requiring that their transition planning begin well before graduation. The preferred age for planning is 14, but it should begin no later than 16.

The California Education Code (*Sections 56460–56463*) defines the goal of transition services as the “planned movement from secondary education to adult life that provides opportunities which maximize economic and social independence in the least restrictive environment for individuals with exceptional needs.”

Students participating in Transition Partnership Programs receive instruction in decision-making, interpersonal communications, community responsibility, employment preparation and independent living skills. The students are supported by program staff, receive career guidance, participate in on-the-job training and receive additional job development services as needed.

Regulatory Authority

Transition Partnership Programs are funded and administered by the California Department of Rehabilitation in partnership with the California Department of Education.

Source: *Work-Based Learning Guide*, California Department of Education, 1998 and CA Education Code.

For more information visit:

California Department of Education

<http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Law, Education and Labor Code

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>