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## Beyond the School Bell: Post Secondary Education Options

## **Rights and Protections**

>IDEA and Article 7 do NOT apply

>ADA and Rehabilitation Act of 1973 DO apply

- >About ACCESS, not services, supports, and modifications
- >Lay the groundwork for accommodations
  - Must work with the school's Office of Disabled Student Services
  - Each school will have their own paperwork, rules, and regulations

## **Options While Still in High School**

Can stay in school until the student turns 22

Allows the student to draw out classes to take advantage of the opportunities, services, and supports available

- > Dual Credit Classes
  - Different from AP courses
- Vocational Schools
  - Part of high school

>Can explore careers, train for work while getting supports

Sometimes career ready; others need additional training

Project Search, IIDC

## College - How to Know If It's the Right Fit

- CCLC publication "Is College for You? Setting Goals and Taking Action"
  - <u>https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/styles/iidc/defiles/CCLC/College4U-4%202016%20Updates.pdf</u>
- College Internship Program
- Choosing the right school
  - College visits
  - Falk to the Office of Disabled Student Services in Advance
  - Find disability related student groups
  - IN\*Source Annual College Survey
    - <u>http://insource.org/files/pages/0086-2019-2020%20College%20listing.pdf</u>



## **Trade Schools**

- More hands on learning
- Classes directly related to subject matter
- Often get professional certifications or lead to licensure
- Department of Workforce Development (Work One) and Vocational Rehabilitation Services may be able to connect individuals and help them get accommodations
- Talk to school counselors for options



#### Programs through Dept. of Workforce Development

#### Adult Learning Centers

- All around the state; some through Work One offices, others through Area Career Centers
- Certificate of Completion to High School Equivalency
- Work and Learn through DWD
  - Apprenticeships
- WorkINdiana
  - Work with all Adult Learning Centers to get HSE and earn career certificates
  - http://www.in.gov/dwd/adulted\_workin.htm, helps explore options
- INTraining
  - WIOA compliant search engine to find training programs and cost info
  - https://webapps.dwd.in.gov/INTraining/search-flow.htm?execution=e2s1
- WIN Career Readiness tool
  - Free, online tool from DWD to build relevant job skills
  - http://www.in.gov/dwd/2710.htm



## **Erskine Green Training Institute**

- Postsecondary training opportunity
- Individuals with any type of disability
- Have exited high school (may apply while in high school)
- >High school diploma not required
  - > May have a Certificate, HSE, or dropped out
- In and out of state residents
  - Priority given to Indiana residents



## EGTI Training Programs

- Healthcare
  - Nutrition Services
  - Environmental Services Housekeeping
  - Patient Transport
  - Supply Chain: Inventory Distribution
- Hotel
  - Front Desk Agent
  - Heart of the House –room attendant, laundry attendant, linen runner and houseperson

#### Restaurant

- Kitchen Cook
- Host/Server Assistant
- Dishwasher/Server Assistant



## **EGTI Training Session Structure**

- Week 1 of each training session –Orientation
- Internship
  - Last 4 weeks of each training session
- Work Readiness Instruction
  - Class time scheduled around internship hours to address work readiness skills such as resume development, interviewing, application understanding, job searching, etc.
  - Additional work readiness skills will be taught throughout their time at EGTI, as needed. Skills may include time management, proper dress, hygiene, social skills, etc.
- Evening and Weekend Activities



## **EGTI Career Sampling Session**

#### Purpose

Provide an opportunity for students to sample each job to see if any are of interest before applying to EGTI.

#### Structure

- > 2 days
- Students will rotate through each job and have opportunities to perform portions of the job.
- > EGTI staff will be with students assessing skill level in each job.
- Students will be provided copies of the assessment documentation to assist with future career planning.
- Free of charge
- Fours regularly scheduled



#### **BE CAREFUL**

#### Do research

- > Talk with several prospective schools
- > Thoroughly investigate program
- Check reviews from other families
- Make sure student is actually enrolled as a student and earning credits



#### Benefits

## Benefit Information Network (BIN) Officers

- Through VR
- Indiana Works WIPA
  - > Aspire if in North or Central Indiana
  - SIRS if in Southern Indiana

#### MED Works

- Compatible form of Medicaid for the waiver
- Requires SSA disability determination
- MUST be working
- Much better financial opportunities



# We're Here to Help

When in doubt or confused, please ask! If the information you receive from another source differs from this presentation, it may be because of actual changes or because the person you asked is not aware of the changes.

#### Please ask a family advocate from The Arc Advocacy Network!





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