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| Youth Connections – Council BluffsImproving Transition Outcomes community prototype | |
| *The Youth Connections team of Council Bluffs impacted youth transition with E-Mentoring and vocational exploration activities. The Council Bluffs School District is maintaining and expanding critical elements of their work and neighboring school districts are replicating their work.* | |
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| **Transition Partners – Henry County**  **Improving Transition Outcomes community prototype** | |
| *Henry County Transition Partners team members asked youth, parents, and educators what was and wasn't working well in regard to youth transition. The community stepped up to the table and identified 5 specific interventions for improving transition. Follow their example to improve transition outcomes in your community!* | |
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| **CASE (Career And Self Exploration) – West Sioux School & Hope Haven, Inc.**  **Improving Transition Outcomes community prototype** | |
| *The community team lead by Hope Haven, Inc. and West Sioux Community School perfected a self-directed, vocational exploration and transition planning curriculum for youth. Youth and community members benefit from their in-school coffee shop! The CASE curriculum is available for sale.* | |
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| **West DSM Human Services Transitional Housing & Community Engagement** | |
| *West Des Moines Human Services receives money from the United States Housing and Urban Development Department to operate a Transitional Housing Project for homeless families. This is an intensive program that helps homeless families identify and overcome barriers which are preventing them from providing stable or permanent housing for their families.* | |
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| **MyTransitionIowa.org:**  **Improving Transition Outcomes resource mapping prototype** | |
| *MyTransitionIowa.org is a web-based transition planning tool developed specifically for youth with disabilities and family members. The website links to transition resources and checklists, peer groups for youth and parents, and transition stories and MP3 files from youth and parents.* | |
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| **elevate™** | |
| *elevate™ is for youth with foster care and adoption experience who seek to inspire others to new levels of understanding and compassion.* | |
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| **Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) & College Leadership Forum** **(CLF)** | |
| *Youth Leadership Forum & College Leadership Forum were developed specifically for high school and college youth with disabilities. YLF focuses on preparing for the transition from high school to work and/or college; CLF focuses on preparing for employment.* | |
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| **Junior Commission Program (JCP)** | |
| *Junior Commission Program is for youth grades 7-12 with hearing loss, a family member with hearing loss, or those who desire experience in the deaf and hard of hearing world. JCP sponsors a leadership program and a one-week summer camp.* | |
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| **Pathfinders** | |
| *Pathfinders Transition Mentoring Program matches young adults ages 16-26 who are blind or visually impaired with successful and competent mentors who also have vision loss.* | |
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| **SALYD (Self-Advocacy and Leadership for Youth with Disabilities)** | |
| *SALYD instills excitement about advocacy and encourages active civic participation. SALYD meets monthly.* | |
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| **ID Action** | |
| *ID Action encourages Iowans with disabilities, their families and friends, service providers and others to get more involved in civic activities and the political process.* | |
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| **Iowa Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (IFFCMH)** | |
| *Iowa Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health is a statewide advocacy organization focusing on the behavioral, emotional, mental and social health of all children. IFFCMH believes most families are "multi-stressed rather than "dysfunctional" and that parents know their children best. They assist parents of children with complex needs through information dissemination, information and referral services, mentoring, advocacy training, and legislative collaboration.* | |
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| **LDA (Learning Disabilities Association) Iowa** | |
| *Learning Disabilities Association Iowa focuses on the education and general welfare of persons with learning disabilities. LDA-Iowa provides information, support, and referral for persons with learning disabilities, their families, professionals who work with them, and other interested parties.* | |
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| **Iowa COMPASS** | |
| *Iowa COMPASS is Iowa’s free, statewide information and referral service for people with disabilities, their families, service providers, and community members.* | |
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| **ASK (Access for Special Kids) Resource Center** | |
| *ASK Family Resource Center is a one-stop-shop for children and adults with disabilities and their families. ASK provides access to a broad range of information, advocacy, support, training and direct services.* | |
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| **Iowa Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA)** | |
| *Iowa's Work Incentive Planning and Assistance strives to create a Network of Professionals with a basic understanding of the work incentives allowed by the Social Security Administration. These trained professionals then share the information with beneficiaries across Iowa.* | |
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| **Iowa Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT)** | |
| *The Iowa Program for Assistive Technology goals are to promote and create systems change in the state with regards to assistive technology (AT) and it's use. IPAT works with consumers and family members, service providers, and state and local agencies/organizations to promote assistive technology through awareness, training, and policy work.* | |
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| **Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG)** | |
| *Iowa’s Medicaid Infrastructure Grant enhances opportunities for Iowans with disabilities to work and live in the community of their choice.* | |
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| **Medicaid for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MEPD)** | |
| *Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities is a Medicaid coverage group implemented to allow persons with disabilities to work and continue to have access to medical assistance.* | |
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| **Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)** | |
| *Iowa Medicaid Enterprise unites State staff and "Best of Breed" contractors into a performance-based model for administration of the Medicaid program.* | |
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