



## **2005 Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference *Strengthening Transition: Achieving Results***

**July 20 – 22, 2005  
State College, PA**

### ***Call for Proposals to Present***

The Pennsylvania Community on Transition State Leadership Team invites all interested persons to submit proposals to present at the *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference, Strengthening Transition: Achieving Results*, to be held at the

**Penn Stater Conference Center and Hotel  
215 Innovation Boulevard, State College, PA 16803, 814-863-5000**

The vision of the PA Community on Transition is that all Pennsylvania youth and young adults with diverse disabilities will be empowered to recognize their gifts, strengths, and voice, through equal access to opportunities and community resources, in order to become productive, participating citizens in every aspect of their lives.

The primary purpose of this conference is to expand the capacity of community partners in promoting the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post-school outcomes of employment, post-secondary education and training, community participation and healthy lifestyles. Participants will have the opportunity to learn new information about successful practices to assist youth/young adults with disabilities in achieving successful post-school outcomes. In addition, participants will obtain new ideas from other practices, and have the opportunity to listen, share information, and network. A feature of this year's conference will be the inclusion of youth/young adults with disabilities and/or families/caregivers, highlighting current or past transition experiences.

The sponsors of the conference include the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, in collaboration with other members of the PA Community on Transition: State Leadership Team (e.g. IDEA Memorandum of Understanding Partners), the Parent Education Network, and Pennsylvania TASH.

#### ***The primary focal points of the conference are:***

- Highlighting current or past transition experiences of youth/young adults and/or families/caregivers.
- Showcasing evidence-based practices with youth outcome data.
- Building and supporting community partnerships.

- Incorporating into practice the Pennsylvania TASH principles of inclusive quality education, employment, choice and individual supports that maximize opportunities for people with disabilities to live and thrive in their community.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Stakeholders supporting post-school outcomes for youth/young adults with disabilities, including families/caregivers, youth/young adults, and other interested transition partners. All presenters are encouraged to speak to this diverse audience.

**WORKSHOP TRACKS** – applicants should directly connect their proposed presentation to one or more of the following post-secondary outcomes for youth/young adults with disabilities:

- Community Participation
- Employment
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Post-Secondary Education and Training

**SPECIFIC TOPICS** –Based upon a cross-stakeholder needs assessment, the following topics are suggested:

- Assessment
- Career and Technical Education Partnerships
- Cross Agency Participation and Related Issues
- Education-Specific Topics Related to Transition
- Employers' Involvement with Transition
- Employment-Related Issues
- Family/Caregiver Issues Surrounding Transition
- Grant Writing/Funding Issues
- Health Issues and Transition
- Housing, Independent Living Issues, and/or Community Resources
- Juvenile Justice Issues
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues
- Outcome Data
- State and Local Transition Coordinating Council Specific Information
- Supporting Youth/Young Adults with Mental Retardation in Transition
- Supporting Youth/Young Adults with Multiple Disabilities in Transition
- Youth/Young Adult Driven Presentations

## **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS** – **Deadline: March 14, 2005**

- ✓ **Proposal Submission** form (located below). Excluding any information may cause your proposal to be disregarded.
- ✓ Proposal must be submitted **electronically in Microsoft Word format on this form.**

- ✓ **Abstract.** Title and brief summary of the proposed presentation to be included in conference brochure, if selected (maximum 50 words).
- ✓ **Proposal Description.** Narrative of 300-500 words outlining nature of proposal, program, presentation format, and role of presenter(s).

**SELECTION CRITERIA** - Proposal selection is based on the following:

- ✓ *Participation of **youth/young adults**, and/or adults with disabilities as presenters.*
- ✓ *Participation by **cross-systems teams** (e.g. interagency), including families/caregivers.*
- ✓ *Indication of **evidence-based data collection and utilization**, to support successful youth/young adult outcomes.*
- ✓ ***Clarity, organization, and feasibility** of presentation.*
- ✓ *Degree to which the proposal addresses the **purpose of the conference** and workshop track area.*
- ✓ ***Appropriateness for a diverse audience**, including youth/young adults, families/caregivers, educators, agency staff and other interested community partners.*
- ✓ ***Potential to replicate** and **build capacity** of outcome-driven practices.*

## **PRESENTATION FORMATS**

**75 Minute Workshops** – Presentation of programs, projects, products, or activities, aligning with the above selection criteria.

**75 Minute Community Forum Roundtables** - bring together individuals in a small group to discuss issues, problems, strategies, innovations and/or best practices on a specified topic. Roundtables can also be role-alike discussions for specific groups (e.g. educators, agency staff, families/caregivers and youth/young adults). Proposals should indicate the leader responsible for introducing the topic and moderating the discussion.

**30 Minutes of Fame** - Demonstrate your project in 30 minutes! Best practice examples blast by fast and furious in this fun-filled and entertaining event. Short as it sounds, in 30 minutes you'll have time to talk about your project's significance; the rationale you made in choosing the tools you used; challenges you faced in bringing it to fruition; and how it has been used and might be replicated and/or scaled -- but remember to allow for 5 minutes Q & A...the clock is ticking!

**SKILL LEVEL** – Designate for each presentation:

**Basic:** Introduction to a community service model or professional tool/instrument; description of specific topics relative to transitioning youth/young adults; community collaborative projects (focus is on obtaining basic knowledge).

**Intermediate:** State policy updates; review and application of evidence-based practices, supported by youth/young adult outcome data; advanced information and updates about specific topics relative to transitioning youth/young adults; or professional development strategies (focus is on enhancing knowledge and application).

**Advanced:** Review of most recent evidence-based practice research/best practice in the context of a comprehensive field of knowledge, including application of research to the future direction of entire systems of care, treatment modalities or research initiatives; specific advanced skills that assume knowledge and proficiency in the area (focus is on synthesizing recent advances and future directions).

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Register on-line after May 1, 2005 at** <http://www.pattan.k12.pa.us/>, click on Transition.

### **NOTIFICATION**

- If your presentation is/is not selected, you will receive written notification by March 30, 2005.
- If selected, you will receive instructions regarding the submission of your materials.
- Based upon need, families/caregivers' and youth/young adults' scholarships are offered.
- If selected, you will be asked to submit handouts electronically two weeks prior to the conference, so that materials can be copied for distribution and provided on disk to attendees.
- If your materials are not submitted within this timeframe, you will be responsible for providing 75 copies, along with two copies on CD or disk.

### **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS – DEADLINE: March 14, 2005**

**Please Forward Proposal Electronically in Microsoft Word Format on this Form to:**

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Click here for instructions to complete form



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***Presentation Proposal***

<b>Proposal Title</b> (Title should be brief, descriptive, and enticing - maximum eight words).	
<b>Abstract</b> (Title and brief summary of the proposed presentation to be included in conference brochure - maximum 50 words).	
<b>Proposal Description</b> (Narrative outlining nature of proposal, program, presentation format, and role of presenter(s) - 300-500 words).	

**Workshop Track Area:** Indicate area(s) of applicability to the proposed presentation:

- Community Participation**
- Employment**
- Healthy Lifestyles**
- Post-Secondary Education and Training**

**Specific Topic:** Indicate area(s) of applicability to the proposed presentation.  
(Optional):

- Assessment
- Career and Technical Education Partnerships
- Cross Agency Participation and Related Issues
- Education-Specific Topics Related to Transition
- Employers' Involvement with Transition
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<input type="checkbox"/> Health Issues and Transition <input type="checkbox"/> Housing, Independent Living Issues, and/or Community Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Justice Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Outcome Data <input type="checkbox"/> State and Local Transition Coordinating Council Specific Information <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Youth/Young Adults with Mental Retardation in Transition <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Youth/Young Adults with Multiple Disabilities in Transition <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Young Adult Driven Presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please identify topics:            )
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<b>Presentation Format</b> (Please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Workshop (75 minutes)</b> (60 minutes long with 15 additional minutes for audience participation)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Roundtable Discussion (75 minutes)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>30 Minutes of Fame</b> (25 minutes long with 5 additional minutes for audience participation)
<b>Intended Audience</b> (Please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Beginning</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Intermediate</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Advanced</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>All Levels</b>
<b>Presentation Format</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Individual Presentation</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Co-Presentation</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Panel</i>  <b>Also, Please Identify Presenters by Role:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Educators</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agency Staff</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Youth/Young Adults with Disabilities</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Families/Caregivers</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other (Please describe: )</i>	

<b>Technology Availability/Needs:</b>
<b>All rooms will be arranged theater style. Each room will be equipped with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 white board</li> </ul>

- 1 podium with a fixed microphone
- 1 flipchart with markers
- 1 overhead projector
- 1 screen
- 1 LCD projector
- 1 laptop (with DVD player, CD, and floppy disk)
- If you have a special request for room set-up, internet access, or other need, please describe:

### Lead Presenter's Information

Name							
Position/Title							
Affiliation							
Permanent Address							
City					State		ZIP
Office Phone				Home Phone			
Fax				E-mail			

### Co-Presenter's Information

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**Additional Co-Presenters:**