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Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Missouri Community Transition Team (CTT) Program

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Transition Coalition are pleased to announce funding to support the formation of eight Community Transition Teams across Missouri. The purpose of this project is to support team training and technical assistance to enhance a public education agency's ability to provide comprehensive transition programs for youth with disabilities aged 16 – 21, including facilitating a seamless transition to full community participation for every student, regardless of his/her disability, upon exit from high school.

Through a systemic change approach, the focus of the Missouri Community Transition Team training is to:

1. Provide an understanding of transition planning, services and research-based effective practices in transition as a framework for educators, students, families, administrators, interagency personnel, community partners, and employers, to ensure that they have the necessary knowledge and tools to improve post-secondary outcomes for transitioning youth;
2. Provide training and technical assistance in developing a strategic plan for community-wide transition systems;
3. Improve access to and availability and appropriateness of employment opportunities and other post-school activities as defined in Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004; and
4. Elevate community awareness of, and commitment to the improvement of post-secondary outcomes.

Applications to participate in the 2009-2010 Missouri Community Transition Team training are being accepted now. If chosen, Community Transition Teams will participate *in three 2-day trainings* the following dates: October 1-2, 2009, December 3-4, 2009, and March 11-12, 2010. Funding for these three trainings will support: travel costs for up to six team members, hotel rooms, meals and substitutes.

To be considered for the Missouri Community Transition Team training, please complete and return the attached application. You may email it in an attachment to Pattie Noonan at pnoonan@ku.edu or fax it to the attention of Pattie Noonan at Fax (785)-864-4149. Applications must be submitted by August 15, 2009 for consideration. Teams will be notified by September 15, 2009 regardless of acceptance.



www.transitioncoalition.org

Missouri Community Transition Teams Application

1. Please type or print key contact information below.

Key Contact Information

Name (First)	M.I.	Last
Current Address:	City	State Zip
Phone Number	E-Mail	

2. To be selected for funding, team membership should consist of a minimum of six individuals. Individuals on each team should include the array of individuals impacted by transition and not be duplicative. Team members must include the following three roles: school-based transition coordinators and/or school personnel, family members (preferably a parent educational mentor supported by DESE/MPACT), and a Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR) staff. To find out if your community has an MPACT transition mentor, please contact Karen Allan at karenallan@embargmail.com. Other team members can include agency representatives and stakeholders who are critical to the transition process including: Independent Living Center staff, employers, Workforce Investment Center staff, mental health services (get correct name for MO), regional MR center staff (same here the correct name), adults with disabilities, youth with disabilities, school administrators, guidance and counseling personnel, and other stakeholders as identified by your community needs. In the below table, please provide the names and contact information for team members who will be attending the trainings (include school staff).

Name	Agency/Position	Phone	E-mail
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Demographic information

3. Which Regional Professional Development Center (RPDC) region of Missouri do you work in?

- 1 Southeast 2 Heart of Missouri 3 Kansas City 4 Northeast
5 Northwest 6 South Central 7 Southwest 8 St. Louis 9 Central

4. How would you describe your community setting? Check all that apply.

- Urban Suburban Rural

5. In a separate document, please respond to these issues: (a) What are the major needs related to community services and capacities to support transition and postschool outcomes? and (b) What benefits and outcomes do you anticipate achieving by developing a community transition team? (attach typed responses to your application)

6. I support the formation of a Community Transition Team in my community.

Signed _____
(School/Special Education Administrator)

Signed _____
(Vocational Rehabilitation Services)

Signed _____
(Parent mentor)

Thank you for your interest.

