

Missouri Community Transition Team (CTT) Program

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Transition Coalition are pleased to announce pending funding to support the formation of nine 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 2011-2012 Missouri Community Transition Team training are being accepted now. If chosen, Community Transition Teams will participate *in three 2-day trainings* the following dates: September 28-29, 2011, November 16-17, 2011, and March 6-7, 2012. Funding for these three trainings will support: travel costs for up to six team members, hotel rooms, meals and substitutes for school personnel only.

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 Linda Cantrell at lindacantrell@ku.edu or fax it to the attention of Linda Cantrell at Fax (636)-207-5975. Applications **must be submitted by August 19, 2011** for consideration. Teams will be notified by August 31, 2011 regardless of acceptance.

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1. Please type or print key contact information (School District representative) below.

Name (First)	M.I.	Last
Current Address:	City	State Zip
Phone Number	E-Mail	
(Cell Phone)	Alternate email address if appropriate	

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 (no dual roles, ex: person serving as parent and school personnel representative). **Team members must include the following three roles: transition coordinators and/or school personnel, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) staff, and family members.** Other team members can include agency representatives and stakeholders who are critical to the transition process including: employers, Independent Living Center staff, Workforce Investment Center staff, mental health services, Regional Departments of Mental Health, Senate Bill 40 staff, adults with disabilities, youth with disabilities, 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. Please check with team representatives for their availability to attend the three 2-day trainings. These mandatory trainings will be provided in Jefferson City, MO. School Personnel must be the lead in submitting the application as the funding is channeled through the school district.

Name	Agency/Position	Phone	E-mail
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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 10 Missouri Western

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

Urban Suburban Rural

5. In a separate document, please respond to these two questions:

(a) What are your major needs related to community services and capacities to support transition and post-school 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 Representative)

Date: _____

Thank you for your interest.

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