

SEAP Transition Recommendations:

Recommendation	Responsible Group(s)	Status
Develop a database of available resources	MITT	Done
Cover the various scenarios: High school to— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College • Employment • Independent living centers 	MITT	Under consideration
Develop a simple flow-chart for students and parents	MITT	Done
Create a catalog of available resources— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of jobs, other services, training for employers, etc. • Cover areas like: transportation, housing, independent living, vocational technical schools, vocational rehabilitation, higher education • Address the variety of audiences—parents, students, teachers, employers, college personnel 	MITT	Done
Develop a tool-kit with specifics about certain areas of work	MITT	Missouri Connections
Use a wide variety of media to communicate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SELS, webinars, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, web-graph, seminars • Be specific but use low level language 	District/MITT	
Build self-advocacy skills	District	Statewide training is available
Develop and disseminate best practices drawing on what leading districts are already doing	MITT/DESE	Under consideration
Vocational Rehabilitation— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more clarity about what they do • They are poor at follow-up activities with students 	Voc Rehab/MITT	Presentation to the SEAP
Begin the transition process earlier—when the child enters the system	District/State can encourage	Website
Review materials developed by Macon Co. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition booklet of services in the surrounding area • Transition fairs • Hands-on-activities to facilitate learning: what to wear, how to shake hands, barbers/beauticians—discuss need to look good 	District/State	District Level

Market to doctors, educators, parents	District	
Consider reverse job fairs	District	
Conduct career days for middle school students	District	
Provide information for back-to-school nights	District	
See if church vans can help meet the transportation needs	District	
Have a transition coordinator at each school	District	

MITT=Missouri Interagency Transition Team

What agencies serve students with disabilities post high school and what services do they provide?

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (Department of Education)

- Career guidance and counseling
- On-off job supports (job coaching)
- Supported employment (including discovery and exploration)
- Job search assistance
- On the job training
- College and other post-secondary training
- Accommodations/modifications
- Tools/equipment
- Assistive Technology

VOC REHAB CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (Department of Education)

- Advocacy and legal services
- Assistive technology
- Children’s services
- Communication Services
- Counseling and related services
- Family services
- Housing – including home modification and shelter services
- Independent living and life skills training
- Information and referral \Mental restoration
- Mobility Training
- Peer Counseling
- Personal Assistance

- Physical restoration services
- Preventive services
- Prostheses, orthotics and other appliances
- Recreational services
- Rehabilitation technology
- Therapeutic treatment
- Transportation services
- Youth/transition
- Vocational services

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Department of Mental Health)

- Residential supports
- Day habilitation
- Personal assistants
- Community employment
- Job preparation
- Job discovery
- Speech, occupational and physical therapy
- Assistive technology and adaptive equipment

REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE BLIND (Department of Social Services)

- Educational Training (includes commercial training, vocational/technical schools and university programs)
- Treatment for physical/mental conditions
- Interpreter services (sign or foreign language)
- Instruction in independent living and travel
- Transportation to and from rehabilitation services
- Telecommunication, sensory and other technology
- Rehabilitation technology services (computer and other electronic equipment)
- Assistance in accessing services from other agencies
- Assistance in moving from school to work
- Work licenses, tools equipment, initial stock and supplies needed to start a business
- Assistance in finding employment
- Job coaching to learn job tasks and expectations
- Follow up services for both client and employer to ensure success in employment

SHELTERED WORKSHOPS (Department of Education)

Sheltered Workshops are facility based Private-Not-for-Profit corporations that provide employment for qualified persons with disabilities who have not demonstrated the abilities, or expressed the desire, to

be employed in competitive work environments and who are no longer eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation services.

Qualified adults with disabilities can apply for the following services and supports from the Sheltered Workshops; they are:

- Fulltime or part-time employment in an industrial setting or service work
- Types of work available are:
 - Facility based industrial work
 - Mobile work crews in manufacturing industry
 - Mobile crews in service industry

Types of individual supports provided are:

- Close supervision
- Reasonable accommodations
- Assistive technology where available
- Transportation where available
- Referrals to supported employment providers
- Referrals to competitive employment providers
- Referrals to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Referrals to other non-employment service providers

MISSOURI ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (Department of Education)

Missouri Assistive Technology operates the Equipment Technology Consortium (ETC) which is a short-term assistive technology equipment loan program for school districts and agencies in Missouri. Districts or agencies can borrow equipment on behalf of individuals with disabilities to try out the equipment before purchasing, for use during the time equipment is in repair, or for other short-term needs. Districts or agencies can borrow equipment for up to six weeks. The program includes a wide range of equipment including switches and mounts, computer access devices, environmental controls, hearing devices, home modifications, visual aids and augmentative communication devices.

Demonstration Programs

- Allows individuals with disabilities, their families and agencies who support them to learn about and try out different devices to make informed choice about equipment needs
- Provides gently used equipment
- Swap and shop – connects people with available adaptive devices through a classified ad service
- Durable Medical Equipment Recycling Program - provides for low cost devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, canes, crutches, etc. Fees based on ability to pay.
- Coalition for independence – Low interest loans available to Missourians with a disabilities enabling the purchase of assistive technology devices
- WorkAbility Loans –for the purchase of equipment needed by someone with a disability to work from home or a remote site.
- Show Me Loans, Accessible Vehicle Loans – low interest financing for accessible vehicles

- Telecommunications access – for telephone and internet available for those who cannot utilize traditional technology

MISSOURI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Department of Economic Development)

Career Centers – services available to everyone including those with disabilities

- Personal job search assistance
- Prove and improve skills
- Career exploration tools
- Workshops
- Resume assistance
- Define skills and goals
- Job training

MISSOURI COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (Department of Education)

- Provides information concerning topics such as Deaf Culture, hearing dogs, telecommunications relay services, sign language, Interpreter Training Programs, and the legal rights of deaf and hard of hearing people, as well as referrals to appropriate sources for additional services and information.
- Workshops and Training. MCDHH provides workshops and training for both hearing persons and persons with hearing loss concerning a wide variety of subjects, including deaf awareness, advocacy, empowerment, communications accessibility, and assistive technology.
- Administration of Missouri Interpreters Certification System which includes providing information concerning interpreting services and the laws regulating interpreters in Missouri, developing and implementing the administrative rules governing the MICS, evaluating and certifying interpreters, and promoting, supporting, and providing professional development opportunities for interpreters.
- Advocacy. MCDHH provides both individual and system-level advocacy for deaf and hard of hearing people. Most individual-level advocacy focuses on ensuring communications accessibility for people with hearing loss, while system-level advocacy focuses on obtaining new laws that improve the lives of people with hearing loss.

MISSOURI PLANNING COUNCIL

- Information about accessible and affordable housing in Missouri for those with development disabilities.