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Community Mapping

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Community mapping is a process for gathering information about resources in the community (e.g., employment, vocational training, transportation) that may support a student's transition to adulthood.

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Resources identified through community mapping are used to connect students with specific opportunities and supports that match their interests, needs, and postschool goals.

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The community mapping process consists of four steps: (1) prepare to map, (2) identify community resources, (3) connect with resources, and (4) match resources to students.

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Driving around the community and using online resources (e.g., Google My Maps) are common methods employed to identify community resources.

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Community mapping has facilitated the development of summer work experiences and career development opportunities for students with disabilities.

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Information gained from community mapping should be shared with the student and family so that they have a list of relevant resources that will support the student across their lifespan.

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