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Illinois Center for Transition and Work



INCLUSIVE WORK IN ILLINOIS



### **About the Center**

Under the direction of Professors Stacy Dymond and David Strauser at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the Illinois Center for Transition and Work (ICTW) is a state-wide training and technical assistance center specifically focused on transition from school to work for students with significant disabilities. The ICTW is funded through a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.

### **Our mission**

To build the State of Illinois's capacity for interagency collaboration to support the transition from school to work of students with significant disabilities and become a statewide resource for best practices, strategies, and evidenced-based practices for special educators, vocational rehabilitation professionals, related services personnel, and school administrators.

## How can we help?

The Illinois Center for Transition and Work offers a variety of resources via its website, including webinars, research briefs, fact sheets, and case studies.

Regional workshops and conferences focused on evidence-based transition to work practices are scheduled throughout the year. Special educators, vocational rehabilitation professionals, related services personnel, and administrators supporting transition-age students with significant disabilities are encouraged to contact the Center for assistance meeting school-identified needs.

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# **Programs and services**

#### **Resources**

A variety of resources are available on our website (ictw.illinois.edu), including webinars, research briefs, case studies, and fact sheets. These resources can be downloaded or viewed online.

Current topics include:

- Customized employment
- Self-determination
- Transition assessment
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- Work-based learning experiences

### Workshops and Conferences

We host a variety of regional workshops and statewide conferences throughout the year on progressive and timely topics related to transition to work. Be sure to check the online ICTW calendar (bit.ly/ictw-events) for the latest details on all our upcoming events.

### **Targeted Technical Assistance**

Targeted Technical Assistance (TTA) is designed to support educators in creating substantive changes within their school district or educational program that improve employment outcomes for students with significant disabilities. Proposed changes should improve work-based learning experiences, enhance coordination with adult service agencies, and/or meet other school-identified needs related to preparing students with significant disabilities for work.

Learn more about our TTA program and services at ictw.illinois.edu/support/tta.



## Stay connected to the Center!

Ready to learn more? There are several ways to stay connected with the Illinois Center for Transition and Work:

- Visit and bookmark our website, ictw.illinois.edu. Be sure to check back often as we add more resources and topics!
- Subscribe to the ICTW mailing list at bit.ly/subscribe-ictw.
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