6 FAST FACTS

Parent Involvement and Interagency Collaboriation

1. Parent involvement is critical to developing meaningful and individualized transition plans.

2. By participating in the transition planning process, parents can share perspectives on priority goals and advocate for needed supports and services post-school.

3. Building trusting relationships, defining roles and responsibilities, and providing parents with clear information promotes family engagement and optimisim about the transition process.

4. It is important for parents to understand that school is an entitlement service provided for all children and that post-school adult services are based on eligibility.

5. Parents who are actively involved in the transition planning process and have children participating in structured work experiences report greater awareness of the services available through adult service agencies.

6. Establishing regular meetings with school and adult service personnel may help parents increase their knowledge of adult services and ensure continuity of services once school ends.

This fact sheet was developed by the Illinois Center for Transition and Work at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign through a contract with the Illinois State Board of Education. Information presented may not reflect the position or policy of the Illinois State Board of Education.