

LOCAL TRANSITION NETWORK GROUPS

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HISTORY OF LOCAL TRANSITION GROUPS

- When was it established
 - Pierce County –
 - Starting in late 1990s
 - Started as breakfast meeting and is still a breakfast meeting, at the same restaurant!
 - Snohomish County –
 - Started in 1989 as the Transition Council
 - Changed to Transition Network in 2015
 - Breakfast at local hotel restaurant to local restaurant to local Arc of Snohomish County, and now zoom

AUDIENCE

- Target audience
 - Parents
 - School Districts – teachers, educators, special ed directors
 - Information and Education Providers
 - Employment Providers
 - Local and Statewide Agency Partners (i.e DDA, DVR, OSPI, ESDs, Transportation , Parks and Recs)

WHEN DO WE MEET

- Schedule
 - Once a month during school year
 - Pierce
 - Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
 - 7:00am-8:30am
 - September to June
 - Snohomish
 - Every 1st Wednesday of the month
 - 7:00 am – 8:30 am
 - October to June, no meetings in April

WHY ARE THE GROUPS IMPORTANT

- Its great place where schools, local agencies, families, community partners, providers all get to network
- Celebrate transition best practices
- Staying connected through problem solving, networking, and sharing experiences and resources
- Bring in experts and workshops to learn about resources for schools to take back to their students (SSA, Housing, DVR, DDA, Planning, Transportation, Parks and Rec, etc.)



ACCOMPLISHMENT

Provide resources

Opportunity for Network

Exchange ideas

Focus local I/DD related issues

Develop work groups

Brainstorming best practices

SO...HOW DO YOU START?

- Establish relationship with a bank of contacts (schools, DVR, community partners, ESDs, DDA, Employment Providers, etc.)
- Create a survey with your schools
- Reach out to DVR and find the DVR School Liaisons/Counselors
- Get on meeting agendas for schools, Special Director meetings, etc.
- Set up the monthly schedule for the school year and start inviting!
- Build trust by building relationships
- Find the people and agencies that work with students
- Find your super stars, meet Stacy O'Quin Kidd, a Regional Transition Consultant for DVR, past teacher

