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Career and Technical Education (CTE) (Secondary and) Inclusive Postsecondary Education Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

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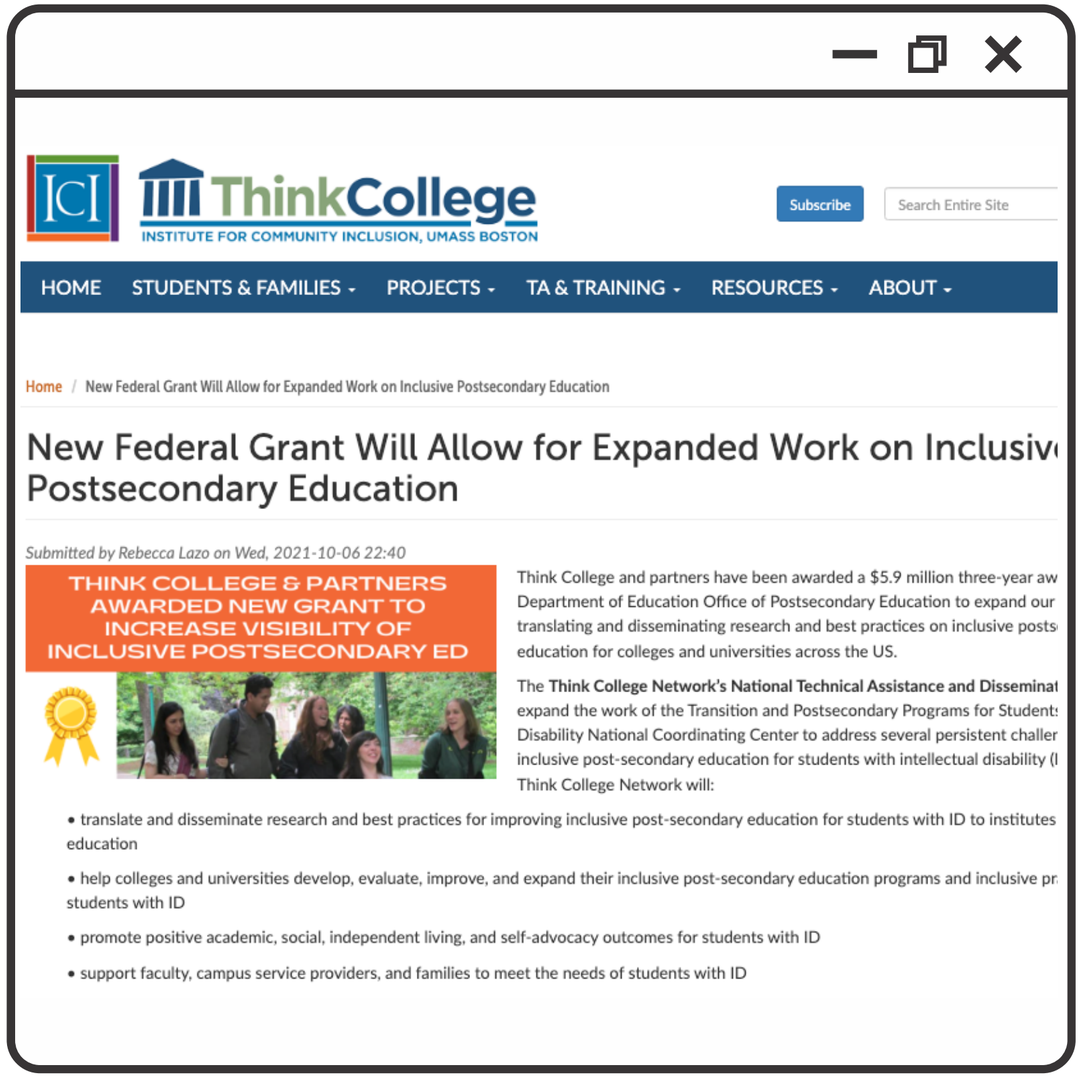

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Expanding Career and Technical Education & Employment Opportunities through Collaborative Workgroups

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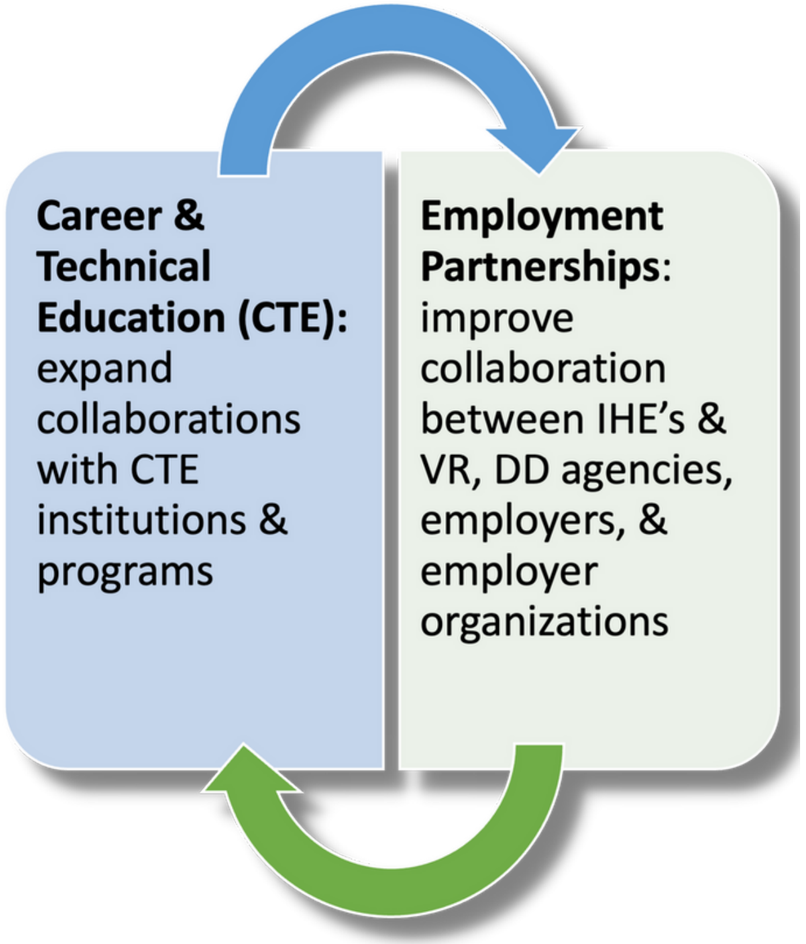

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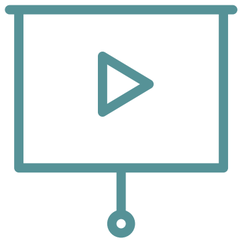
Collaborative CTE Workgroup

Identify membership of collaborative workgroup & meet quarterly

Collect information from workgroup on how to work with CTE programs to create access & support for students with ID



Disseminate training materials & resources on promising practices to work with CTE programs to include supporting students with ID

Facilitate access to technical assistance & participation in regional Capacity Building Institutes

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What we know – Secondary CTE

- Prepares students with employability skills needed to be successful in the workplace, and postsecondary CTE.
- Provides students a hands-on work-based learning experience to learn workplace competencies.
- Provides students the opportunity to earn industry certifications that can be built upon in postsecondary education.
- Combines skills, knowledge, and training to prepare students for a range of high-skill, high-wage jobs.

https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/4137

What we know – Postsecondary CTE

- The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA, 2008) established comprehensive transition and postsecondary (CTP) programs to support students with intellectual disabilities participation in inclusive postsecondary programs that offer a meaningful credential leading to employment.
- Inclusive postsecondary education has changed dramatically in the past decade. Program availability has increased by 87% since 2009 (Grigal et al., 2021).
- There is underrepresentation of career and technical education focused programs (Grigal et al., 2021).

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Perkins V

- Signed into law on July 31, 2018.
- Primary federal investment in CTE at the postsecondary level.
- Funds may be used for creating new programs of study (CTPs).
- Under Perkins, states are *required* to disaggregate data by special populations.
- Stipulates that districts can use Perkins funds to provide accommodations.

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Certifications earned

- 3-D Animation Production Assistant
- Administrative Office Specialist
- ASE G1 Auto Maintenance and Light Repair
- ServSafe Food Manager
- Adobe Illustrator
- Early Childhood Professional

More certifications earned

- HTML/CSS Coding Specialist
- OSHA 10
- ETA Customer Service Specialist
- Microsoft Office Bundle
- Adobe Photoshop
- Rooms Division Specialist
- ServSafe Food Handler

Strategies to earn certifications

- In-depth admissions and evaluations
- Peer mentors
- Accommodations via 504 plan
- Specialized Career Instruction-Comprehensive (SCI-C)
- Tutoring
- Micro-Credentials
- Push-in support
- Study guides and exam review sessions

Strategies that lead to competitive integrated employment

- In-depth admissions and evaluations
- Job fairs
- Chamber of Commerce meetings
- Working with VR counselors
- Micro-Credentials
- Internships

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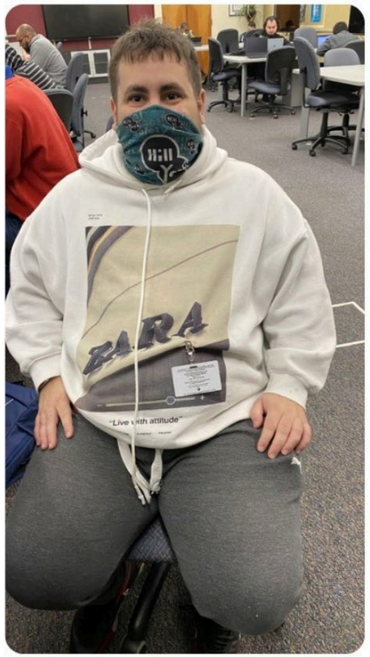
Success stories



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CTE MONTH
CELEBRATE TODAY, OWN TOMORROW!

"I AM STUDYING COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND INFORMATION... I ENJOY BUILDING COMPUTERS IN CLASS. I WANT TO HAVE A CAREER AT GOOGLE AS A COMPUTER TECHNICIAN. MY GOAL IS TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM BY 2023."

Sheridan Technical College through the Build Your Future program

*We strongly believe that FPCTP **will empower**, students as well as **creating ripples that spell progress** not just for individuals, but the community.*

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Orange Technical College/Westside Campus

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Technical Assistance

- Technical Colleges interested in knowing more about CTE Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) Programs.
  - Virtual meeting
  - Resource bank
  - Connections with current programs
  - Ongoing technical assistance

Links to Resources in Florida - Project 10

- Career and Technical Education: Enhancing Educational Experiences in Middle, School, High School and Postsecondary Education
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Course Substitutions: The Who, What, When, Why and How
- Middle School Trail Map for Families
- Secondary Transition Roadmap Map for Families

Links to Resources (2)

- Think College Inclusive Higher Education Network
- CTE Collaborative Workgroup
- The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V)

Links to Resources (3)

- Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act
- Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs
- Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) Programs

Links to Resources (4)

- Strengthening CTE for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V): Access and Opportunities in Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- What does the research say about the effectiveness of CTE programs on student outcomes?
- Career and Technical Education & Secondary Students with Disabilities Quick Guide

Links to Resources (5)

- Improving Equity and Access to Quality CTE Programs for Students with Disabilities
- Why is CTE Important for Employment Success for SWD?
- PIPEline to Career Success for Students with Disabilities

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