

Mission Statement

The mission of San Francisco Improving Transition Outcomes Project (ITOP) Interagency Council is to improve services and outcomes for youth ages 14 to 24 with disabilities in making the successful and seamless transition towards maximum self-sufficiency and independent living.

The ITOP Interagency Council is a collaborative effort of Support for Families of Children with Disabilities and JVS (Jewish Vocational Service).

Vision Statement

San Francisco is a place where all youth and young adults with disabilities, their families, professionals and the community will be engaged in the successful transition of youth to adulthood.

All youth with disabilities will:

- ✦ Be prepared to participate in becoming independent and productive members of their community.
- ✦ Have the supports and resources needed to achieve successful outcomes and stability in independent living.
- ✦ Have meaningful opportunities to improve their well-being and their quality of life.
- ✦ Be empowered with a sense of purpose and self-determination to achieve their potential.

All families of youth with disabilities will:

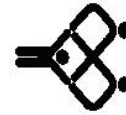
- ✦ Be empowered with the knowledge and opportunities needed to prepare their child for the future.
- ✦ Have the supports and resources in their community needed to assist their child.
- ✦ Have a supportive and meaningful relationship with their child in making the transition to adulthood.
- ✦ Be engaged with their child in developing and implementing their transition goals and services.

All professionals serving youth with disabilities will:

- ✦ Be valued for what they do with opportunities to learn and grow in their work.
- ✦ Have the supports and resources needed to achieve positive transition outcomes for the youth that they serve.
- ✦ Ensure that youth receive culturally competent and appropriate services to achieve their transition goals.
- ✦ Educate families and the community about the needs of transition for youth with disabilities.

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California Deaf-Blind Services
California Department of Health Services
California Department of Rehabilitation
City College of San Francisco
Community Alliance for Special Education
Golden Gate Regional Center
Hearing and Speech Center of Northern CA
Honoring Emancipated Youth
Independent Living Resource Center
Jewish Vocational Service (JVS)
KIDS Project
Larkin Street Youth Services
Legal Services for Children
Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities, "Bridges...From School to Work" Program
Parents

City and County of San Francisco:

Department of Children,
Youth and Their Families
Community Behavioral Health Services,
Transitional Youth Services
Department of Human Services,
Independent Living Skills Program
Juvenile Probation Department
Mayor's Office of Community Development
Mayor's Office on Disability
Department of Public Health, MCH/CCS

San Francisco Safe Start
San Francisco State University,
Department of Special Education
San Francisco Unified School District,
Special Education Services/School Health
Program
San Jose State University
Social Security Administration
Support for Families
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The Facts: Transition-Age Youth

There are an estimated 5,000 youth ages 14 to 24 with developmental, learning, emotional/mental health and physical disabilities in San Francisco. Many of these youth are involved in multiple systems of care that include public and non-public schools, public health, mental health, foster care and the juvenile justice system. The ITOP Interagency Council seeks to build a strong professional collaboration that includes the school district, public agencies, non-profit agencies, families, youth and employers. One official representative from each organization working with this population is needed to participate in the ITOP Interagency Collaboration. An ITOP Community Planning Meeting and Improving Transition Outcomes Conference have taken place with more than 200 individuals and 50 organizations and programs participating.

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ITOP: Goal

Goal 1: Self Determination and Self Sufficiency

All youth with disabilities transitioning to adulthood will obtain the supports, resources, and independent living skills needed to achieve their maximum potential.

Goal 2: Community Support and Connection

Communities will support youth to fully participate as contributing and integrated members of their communities.

Goal 3: Social and Recreational Opportunities and Support

Youth with disabilities will have easy access to meaningful social relationships, social activities, and recreational opportunities.

Goal 4: Education and Employment Opportunities

Youth with disabilities will have opportunities and support in secondary and post-secondary education, vocational training, and employment development.

Goal 5: Medical and Mental Health Services

Youth with disabilities will have access to a full range of culturally-competent and convenient medical, dental, and mental health services as they transition to adult health care.

Goal 6: Family Support and Involvement

Families of youth with disabilities will be empowered with the knowledge and resources needed to engage and support their children in making the transition to adulthood.

Goal 7: Comprehensive Service Network

Youth with disabilities and their families will have a coordinated network of comprehensive and culturally-competent transition services, and professionals will have the support and resources needed to achieve positive outcomes with the youth they serve.

Note:

The ITOP Council meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at SFCDC 2601 Mission Street, 6th Floor- jweber@supportforfamilies.org