Secondary Transition Summer Institute

College, Career, and Beyond

The 2014 Secondary Transition Institute will be held June 10-12, 2014, at the Gateway Conference Center in Ames, Iowa. This year’s conference will address themes including:

- Early planning and experiences to focus student career preferences
- Early and ongoing collaboration between students, family, school, VR, and other work supports
- Paid work experiences for students
- Support and follow-up needed to stabilize employment


Presenters will include:

**Stephan J. Smith**  
Executive Director, AHEAD  
Stephan joined the staff of AHEAD as the director of communications and marketing in 1994. He became their director of operations in 1996 and executive director in 2001. Through his work with AHEAD he has taken on increasingly prominent and influential roles in local, state, and national arenas advocating for the total inclusion of people with disabilities in education and the workplace.

**Amy Gaumer Erickson, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Research Professor, University of Kansas  
Dr. Erickson’s work centers on the implementation of instructional strategies within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports that enable students with and without disabilities to become college and career ready. She has also published books and articles that provide practical assessment and instructional strategies to support students’ cognitive, intrapersonal, and interpersonal growth.

**Kelli Crane, Ph.D.**  
Senior Research Associate, TransCen, Inc.  
Dr. Crane is a Senior Research Associate currently assigned to the Youth Transition Demonstration (YTD) project. She has been involved in creating and expanding school-to-work systems for youth with disabilities for the past seven years. Her areas of expertise include research, outreach, and the design of activities to improve programs and services for youth with disabilities.

**Beth Clavenna-Deane, Ph.D.**  
Autism Behavior Specialist, Shawnee Mission School District  
Dr. Clavenna-Deane currently works to assist staff and administration with designing and implementing behavioral interventions for students with autism spectrum disorders. Her past work includes working as Project Director for the Kansas Secondary Connections project, which helped school teams improve secondary special education outcomes, and serving as a Transition Coordinator in multiple Kansas school districts.

Event Location:  
Gateway Conference Ctr.  
2100 Green Hills Drive  
Ames, IA 50014

**Dates:**  
Tuesday, June 10, 2014—Thursday, June 12, 2014

**Times:**  
Tuesday, June 10:  
Registration from 8:30-9:30  
Sessions from 9:30-3:50  
Team Time from 4:00-4:30

Wednesday, June 11:  
Sessions from 8:30-4:00 incl.  
Team Time from 1:00-2:30

Thursday, June 12:  
Sessions from 8:30-12:15  
Team Time from 1:45-3:00

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