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## About Regional Transition Centers

In order to assist Local Educational Agencies in meeting the secondary transition requirements, the three Rhode Island Educational Collaboratives established and maintain four Regional Transition Centers (RTCs). The Centers assist middle and high schools regionally and statewide through coordination of the four Regional Transition Coordinators. Services provided through the RTCs include service to public, non-public and charter schools serving youth eligible under IDEA and work in partnership with adult service agencies, higher education institutions, training programs and parent advocacy organizations serving young adults with disabilities.

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# Rhode Island Regional Transition Centers

... support schools,  
students, families  
and communities in  
preparing students  
for adult life.



## Program Structure

The purpose of the **RI Transition Council** is to create a partnership among state agencies, parents, students with special needs and local education agencies (LEAs). This partnership serves to enable students and young adults with special needs to successfully transition to adult life in their community.

Membership includes students, parents, representatives of local education agencies and the following state agencies:

- RI Department of Education/Office of Student, Community & Academic Supports
- RI Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals
- RI Department of Human Services/Office of Rehabilitation Services
- RI Office of Higher Education
- RI Department of Children, Youth & Families
- RI Department of Labor & Training
- RI Department of Health

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### **Transition Advisory Committee**

The members of this Committee meet monthly to plan transition-related activities and share information through their Regional Transition Center. The Transition Advisory Committee provides a forum for districts to be made aware of current information regarding agencies, legal issues, best practices, and statewide activities. In addition, networking with other professionals and parent representatives allows districts to collaborate to express concerns, solve problems and share resources.

For more information, contact your Regional Transition Coordinator.

## Student Focused Planning

The Regional Transition Coordinators provide direct consultation to LEAs, Charter and Private Schools, and Adult Agencies regarding a variety of areas including:

- Secondary IEPs
- Transition Assessments
- Transition Services
- District Technical Assistance Plans
- Summary of Performance
- Employment First

The Regional Transition Coordinators assist in the development and implementation of the State Transition Plan, and provide Professional Development activities at a statewide and regional capacity, including:

- RI Transition Institutes
- College Forums
- Regional Student Events
- Parent Conferences
- Transition Networks
- Student Panels
- Employment First Initiatives

## Student Development

The Regional Transition Centers assist the Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) in providing career services for students with disabilities in public, private and charter schools that are interested in exploring the world of work. An ORS Vocational Rehabilitation counselor is embedded in each school district and is available to attend IEPs, planning and service review meetings.

ORS services may include:

- Pre-employment transition services
- Community Based Work experiences
- Summer and after school programs
- Vocational Counseling and Guidance
- Job exploration

For more information, visit  
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## Interagency Collaboration

Providing transition services and supports for youth is the responsibility of a variety of agencies and community organizations. The Regional Transition Centers focus on bringing together and engaging critical stakeholders, such as:

- High School & Middle School Teachers
- State Agencies
- Adult Service Agencies
- Youth Centers
- Parent Organizations
- Non-profit Agencies
- Charter Schools
- Private Schools
- Local Colleges and Universities
- Local Businesses and Employers

## Family Involvement

The RI Parent Information Network, in partnership with the Regional Transition Coordinators provide training, information and technical assistance to families of children and youth with disabilities and to professionals who work with them.

Please visit [www.ripin.org](http://www.ripin.org) for current information and workshop registration or [http://www.ripin.org/Online\\_Workshops.html](http://www.ripin.org/Online_Workshops.html) for a listing of our on-line learning opportunities.

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