

It's My Turn GPS training is a self-determination curriculum for students with disabilities in middle school through high school. This training was designed for students who struggle in the learning process, possibly needing extra time to learn skills to assist them in deciding upon and reaching their goals for life after high school.

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The workshops include four sections:

- A. Vision** - Hopes and Dreams, Self-advocacy, Problem Solving
- B. Transition Plan** - IDEA, IEP, 504, ADA
- C. Building Skills** - Postsecondary Education and Training, Employment, Independent Living
- D. Future Planning** - Personal Goal Setting, Backward Planning, Resources

The Many Benefits

Students learn they have choices.

Students increase their self-esteem by realizing what they are capable of accomplishing.

Students are better prepared to enter the adult world.

Students are encouraged to participate in community events.

Families, communities, and schools learn the importance of their support and involvement in the transition process.

Families, communities, and schools become aware of the resources and services available to them.

Educators can utilize the information in the student's IEP.

Educators learn a more diverse way of teaching.

How It Works

Students learn about themselves by:

Developing a Personal Profile

Each student will receive a notebook to create their own transition plan.

Exploring Options

Students will explore life choices best suited to them based on their own personal likes and dislikes.

Setting Goals

Students will utilize backward planning to plan their vision for life after High School.

Learning

Students will learn about themselves, their strengths and weaknesses. They will discover how to build on their strengths and improve their weaknesses.

The Outcome

At the conclusion of the three-day training, the district has the option of hosting a parent night for the community, school, and parents to celebrate the students' achievements.

The focus:

Collaborative focus on student's future

Student presentations

Information from service providers

The community, school district, parents, and students will develop a working collaborative relationship focused on each student's future.

It is our mission to help make transitioning easier for students and to help them become better self-advocates.

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is being offered to Middle School and High School Students in the State of Ohio.

For more information about "It's My Turn" or to have a presentation for students in your area, please call the Ohio Coalition at:

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