

THEME PROJECT: TRANSITION SERVICE COMPONENTS

Service	Provider	Description
Diagnostic testing	Vendor	Testing/evaluations to include: psychological, vocational, community based assessments, functional capacity, orientation/mobility, low vision, functional vision, CCTV, hearing evaluation, and diagnostic trial semesters including tuition and books (must follow RSC procedures for postsecondary).
Drop-out prevention	Stark State THEME staff	Monitor student grades and attendance, identify problems, and, establish rapid-response interventions.
Short-term mental health counseling and referral	Vendor	Provided by Community Services of Stark County (or another vendor) - may include crisis referral, short-term counseling for adaptation to college environment, and associated stressors.
Assistive technology assessment	Vendor or Stark State	Depending on level of need: completed by THEME staff or by assistive technology professional
Assistive technology training	Vendor or Stark State THEME staff	Training by THEME staff or assistive technology professional, depending on level of complexity of needed technology.
Advocacy training	Stark State THEME staff	Assist students with understanding the expectations of the postsecondary environment; limitations, capabilities and need for accommodations; rights and responsibilities as a student with a disability in postsecondary education; differences in laws between high school and college.
Mentoring	Stark State THEME staff	Work with students to adapt to college may include organizational skills, study skills, interpersonal skill, navigating the college environment. Mentor will follow up with student starting once per week and tapering to an as-needed basis.
Job shadowing	Vendor or Stark State THEME staff	Assist students with setting up opportunities for peer shadowing in area of educational/career goal
Work experience	Vendor	Part-time employment or volunteer experience related to educational/career goals.
Summer employment/ work experience	Vendor	Summer work experience designed to provide paid, structured work experiences in community settings – provides an assessment of work skills, attitude, personal characteristics, and work behaviors.
Job development and placement	Vendor	Job development and placement assistance to pursue employment.
Job tryout	Vendor	Job assessment period where participants are placed with potential employers for a trial period to determine employer/employee compatibility.
Supported employment	Vendor	Job coaching and supported employment provided by appropriate vendor under consumer choice.
Job coaching	Vendor	One-on-one job coaching to assist an individual with learning a new job or job duties/responsibilities or become acclimated to a specialized environment.
Arrangements for postsecondary visits	Stark State THEME staff	Assist students with preparation for postsecondary schools: college visits, completing FAFSA (financial aid) and scholarship applications, and connecting with Disability Support Services
Orientation/mobility training	Vendor	Mobility/orientation training to include a new work environment or specialized environment.
Interpreting services	Vendor	Interpreting for services provided through the THEME Project.

Services marked in **bold** have been added or are enhanced as part of the 2009-2010 project goals and objectives. Transition Services will be open to Stark County high school seniors with IEP goals of postsecondary education.