

About TLC

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An alternative approach to helping meet students' transition needs



Program Highlights

Vocational and Post Secondary Training

Students participate in work-training experiences in the community to build upon their skills and explore their interests. Work skills are evaluated and analyzed to determine employment goals.

Independent Living

Students acquire skills to independently participate in daily-living activities. Hands-on experiences enhance real life instruction and self-sufficiency. Instructional emphasis is on self-determination, decision making, personal care and domestic living skills.

Community Participation

Functional curriculum skills are transferred to community environments through money management and budgeting skills. Students' social skills are enriched through integrated community recreation. Students receive travel training in the community to assist in accessing the community.

Communication and Socialization

Practical application of communication and language skills enhances social development throughout the students' day and across environments. Social skills development is approached through the analysis of the communicative intent and strategies of student behavior, and teaching alternative coping techniques.

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The program offers positive support within structured community and school-based environments that incorporate functional academics in those settings. The program also emphasizes opportunities for community-based vocational training and volunteering to enable students to build confidence and independence, while developing appropriate work skills.

Social and personal management skills are enhanced through a variety of transition activities. Social/recreational experiences utilize community resources in order to generalize learned skills to real-life settings.

Program Components

- Self-Advocacy/Self-Determination
- Vocational Training Experiences
- Communication/Language Skills
- Personal Management Skills
- Social Skills Development
- Interpersonal Relationships
- Functional Academic Skills
- Travel Skills
- Transition Planning Activities
- Recreation and Leisure Activities
- Community Service Learning Projects
- Technology/Computer Skills
- Speech Language Therapy
- Occupational and Physical Therapy
- Nursing
- Individual and Group Counseling
- BCBA/Behavioral Support Services

