

Calhoun Area Career Center

"Collaboration between Special Education and Career and Technical Education is an increasingly important topic for educators. We are wondering what types of models are being implemented around the state to help special education students who have Cognitive Impairments become career ready? What partnerships with SE, CTC, MRS, etc. are seeing student successes and how are you supporting students during their transition to adulthood?"

MRS meets with junior and senior students monthly on-site. MRS opens cases with students, which is ultimately up to the student. MRS will do their own plan for how students will move from the school world into the adult world. Options include: MCTI, Directly to employment, Job Readiness Classes provided by MRS, College. MRS will assist with books, supplies etc. for college. Students have to complete the FAFSA for MCTI or College, even if MRS is assisting with finances. If students are clients of MRS, their tuition is free at MCTI. MRS does ask for some appropriate financial support from the family.

Project SEARCH - Started with Duncan Aviation and CISD. Partnership between MRS, CISD, Duncan Aviation. Full year of on the job training in different Departments in the business, along with soft skills

training. Ultimate outcome: Duncan will hire trained employees from the Project Search participants or they will be trained and hired by other businesses.

ATP - Adult Training Program run out of CISD special education Dept. - services students to age 26. Goal is work readiness for students.

CACC - Career Readiness –

- Certificate of Completion Students – modify curriculum to teach specific tasks (on a limited basis)
- Counseling Dept. – postsecondary options, attend college fairs, Career Connections Day (speakers from industry), resume writing
- Annual visit to MCTI
- Scholarships available for students with IEPs (Student & Career Services Scholarship, Tools of the Trade Scholarship)
- Work based Learning – job shadows, work experience, co-op positions

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