

# **T'NT (Teens in Transition)**

# A Post-Secondary Transition Curriculum

T'NT is a standards-based curriculum designed to prepare young adults (ages 16-22) with high incidence disabilities to become employed, independent members of their communities. The curriculum actively engages students in a variety of topics including: post-secondary education, job training, soft skill development, mock interviews, housing, insurance, financial literacy, mental health, and conflict resolution.

## **About Teens in Transition**

The T'NT program consists of 14 lessons designed to be taught during a 45- to 50-minute instructional period. Each lesson engages students in active, cross-curricular learning through the use of a variety of instructional methods, including multimedia presentations, on-line inventories, hands-on activities, class discussions, mock interviews, and small group work.

One of the most unique and successful features of the T'NT program is its ability to expand a student's horizons, expectations, and community connections by inviting local businesses and community members into the classroom to share their personal and professional knowledge with the students.





## **T'NT Curriculum Outline**

Session 1: Introduction to T'NT

Session 2: Post-Secondary Options

Session 3: Career Exploration

Session 4: Job Search & Applications

Session 5: Résumé Writing

Session 6: Interview Preparation

Session 7: Mock Interviews

Session 8: Employment Behavior

Session 9: Banking Basics

Session 10: Budgets & Credit

Session 11: Practice for the Real World

Session 12: Housing & Insurance

Session 13: Mental Health

Session 14: Conflict Resolution & Self Advocacy



## **Statistics We Are Changing**

#### **Dropout Rates**

The high school dropout rate for students with disabilities is twice that of students without.

#### **Unemployment Rates**

In 2022 the unemployment rate of workingage individuals with disabilities was 45% higher than an individual without a disability.

National Center of Education, 2021 National Organization on Disability, 2022



T'NT student participating in a mock interview with a community partner.



## **Teachers On T'NT**

"This curriculum is a wonderful way to introduce students to life after high school. It is clearly laid out in a professional, workable, and presentable manner. T'NT provides students with disabilities with valuable information on educational opportunities, employment information, budgets, and independent living. I would recommend this program to any school district looking to empower their students and prepare them for post-school activities."

-Megan N., Hononegah High School, Rockton, IL

"T'NT helps expose students to what life is like post high school. I especially liked the mock-interviews and how it benefitted the students."

-Chuck S., Guilford High School, Rockford, IL

"I find that the T'NT curriculum coincides very well with the textbook we use each day in our class. I also find the variety of topics, technology, and community partners to be helpful in having the students grasp the concepts we are teaching."

- Ryan M., East High School, Rockford, Illinois



#### **Students On T'NT**

"I like T'NT; they helped by bringing in different people to talk about subjects I need to know about for my future." – Lamarion G.

"The topics we have talked about are very helpful and will pay off later." - Corbin R.

"I think T'NT and the topics we talked about were extremely fascinating. I think T'NT was fantastic." - Zach W.



#### **T'NT Outcomes**

During the 2021-2022 school year, the following outcomes were reported:

- 85% of students increased their knowledge of post-secondary education/ training opportunities.
- 89% of students increased their knowledge of independent living options.
- 87% of students increase their job readiness skills.
- 93% of students increased motivation for employment.

### **Meet State and Federal Regulations**

T'NT is uniquely designed to meet the needs and fulfill the state and/or federal requirements of a variety of audiences.

- T'NT helps public schools ensure they are successfully meeting both Indicator 13 and Transition Plan requirements as set forth in the IDEA 2004
- T'NT helps Centers for Independent Living (CILs) ensure they are meeting the Transition Core requirements



# **Ignite**

RAMP also offers a Transition Curriculum for younger students. Ignite is designed to teach adolescents and young adults (ages 12-16) with high incidence disabilities the skills and confidence necessary to become active participants in designing their futures. Through self-exploration, knowledge development and hands-on practice, the curriculum actively builds the mindset and skills necessary for students to become self-advocates in a variety of settings including their IEP meetings.



## **Contact Information**

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