

# **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 50minute 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 2023-2024 school year, the following outcomes were reported:

- 76% of students increased their knowledge of post-secondary education/training opportunities.
- 94% of students increased their knowledge of independent living options.
- 86% of students increase their job readiness skills.
- 93% of students increased motivation for employment.
- 64% of students can identify at least one mental health resource.

#### **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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