

Project:: Promoting College for Youth with Developmental Disabilities

Applicant:: The College of New Jersey

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Abstract: This project intends to further establish college as a viable option for youth (18-25) with developmental and intellectual disabilities (ID) in New Jersey and enable them to further their education for the purposes of intellectual, social, and career development. We aim to do this by addressing the ways in which students with ID are prepared for post-secondary options during their high school careers and establishing mechanisms for encouraging and supporting New Jersey colleges and universities who wish to establish programs for this population.

Through this grant project TCNJ will 1) establish training teams of TCNJ professors, college students with ID, and college students without ID to provide in-district and on-campus workshops to prospective students, their families and district personnel; 2) host a Statewide Post-Secondary Education Conference that will include representatives from in-state and out of state college programs; 3) develop a Curriculum and Instructional Manual to prepare students with ID for the academic and social demands of the post-secondary experience; 4) develop, launch and maintain a website dedicated to the development and promotion of college based programs for students with ID; and 5) conduct regional workshops for colleges and universities to explore ways in which they may establish college-based programs for youth with ID.