WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL?

Transition age youth & young adults with serious mental health conditions face obstacles in learning & working

The scope is large:
6-12% of young adults in this country struggle with a serious mental health condition. (estimated 2.4-5 million)

High school completion is significantly compromised:
High School Outcomes for Students with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)

Many don’t go on to postsecondary schools:
Postsecondary School Enrollment

Employment rates are often impacted:
Employment Rates

Average duration of employment is much lower:
Duration on the Job

Effective developmentally appropriate and appealing services are rare

WHAT IS THE TRANSITIONS RTC?

Our Goals:

- Support transition age youth & young adults as students, learners & workers
- Examine ways interventions can better address the unique needs of transition age youth & young adults
- Partner with transition age youth & young adults to conduct research & share our findings
- Improve outcomes by effectively disseminating knowledge to key stakeholders

References

Transitions RTC studies concern youth and young adults (ages 14 - 30)

**Employment**
- Supported employment & peer mentors
- Work & educational supports after justice system involvement
- Life coaches as vocational supports
- Appealing features of job placement programs
- Culturally relevant employment supports for Latinos
- Employer perceptions

**Education**
- Special education outcomes
- High school factors predicting learning & working success
- Training for special education teachers
- Supported education

**Program & Policy**
- Clubhouses for young adults
- Child & adult mental health system gaps
- Federal policy supports
- Local service collaboration
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