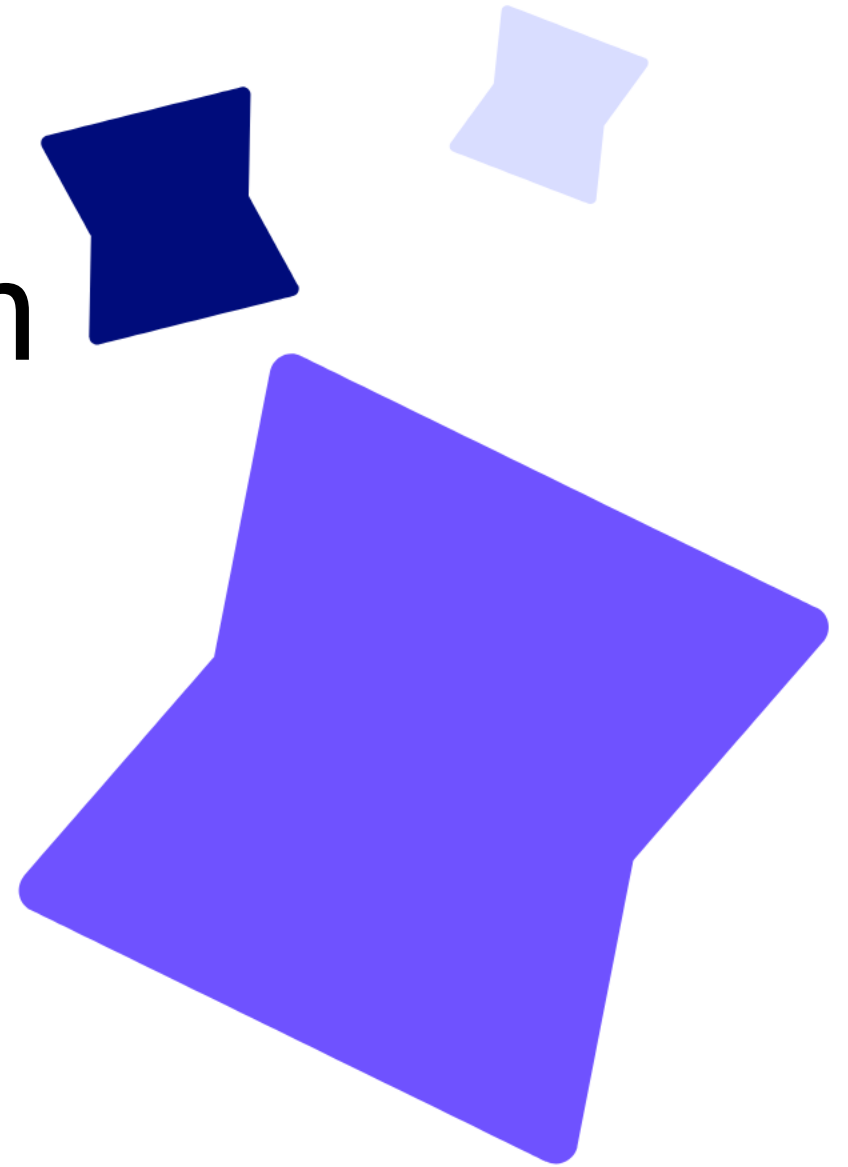


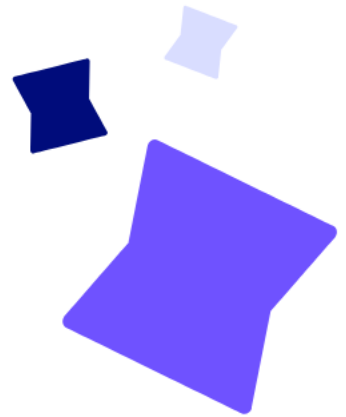
Transition Curriculum Initiative

Recommended Options for
Comprehensive Career Services
Transition Providers



Introductions

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- Jill Richard, MassAbility Career Counselor
- ReadyWork\$ Youth, Latoya Edmond, Dion Willis
- Pathful, Inc., Rebecca Pickens



- Since 2019 Pre-ETS began, providers have created/assembled curricula based on experience, vision and student population needs
- Led to innovations, discovering resources, and delivering interactive content
- Can be easily tweaked/modified for different student groups and instructor styles
- Disadvantages
 - Less statewide consistency
 - Less support and expectations from MassAbility
 - Possibly missing some populations due to lack of curriculum options
 - Some “Favorite activities” might not be aligned with Pre-ETS Goals
 - Staff Turnover

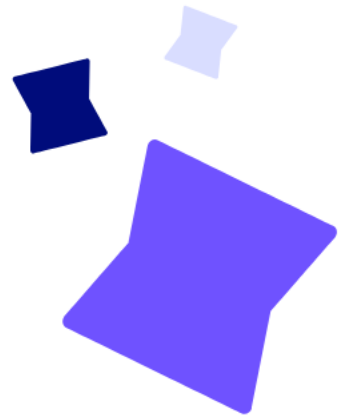


Transition Curriculum Subcommittee

- 16 MassAbility staff including Unit Supervisors, Career Counselors, District Directors, Business Improvement Partners
- March 13th - present
- 11 different curriculum tools (narrowed down to 3)
- Met 9 times (including curriculum demos)
- Collaboration Teams thread of ideas, reviews, and research

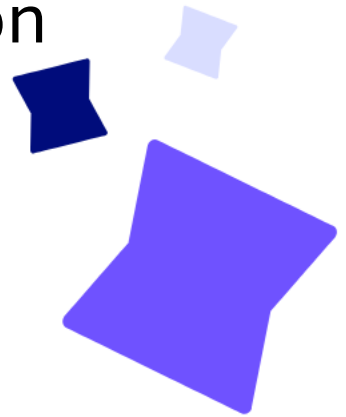


Explore-Work



Explore-Work Description

- Explore-Work.com is a free* web-based transition learning tool for students with disabilities. It helps students explore career interests, work options, education and training paths, workplace readiness, and self-advocacy skills.
- It aligns with the five required WIOA Pre-Employment Transition Services. The five modules connect to job exploration counseling, work-based learning, counseling on postsecondary education options, workplace readiness training, and self-advocacy.



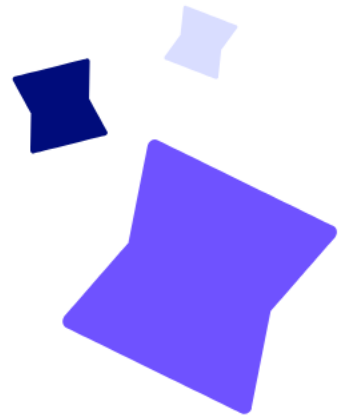
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- It works well in different teaching formats. Explore-Work can be used independently, with a facilitator, in a group, or as part of a blended learning approach that combines in-person instruction with online activities.
- It can be used by schools, VR agencies, families, and service providers. Professionals can use the modules to guide conversations, support career planning, document student progress, and supplement other transition services.



Explore-Work

- The activities are practical and action-oriented. They help students connect choices they make in high school to future education, training, employment, and independence.





CAREERWORK\$

READY **WORK\$** YOUTH

Workforce Readiness Curriculum Overview

Preparing youth for success
in employment through a proven,
turnkey workforce readiness program.



ABOUT CAREERWORK\$

For nearly 20 years, CareerWork\$ has helped individuals develop the skills, confidence, and connections needed to secure meaningful employment and achieve long-term economic mobility.

Through workforce readiness training, career navigation, and employer engagement, CareerWork\$ has served more than **10,000+** participants across communities nationwide.

20 YEARS

OF IMPACT
EMPOWERING
CAREERS AND
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WHAT IS READYWORK\$ YOUTH?

ReadyWork\$ Youth is a comprehensive workforce readiness curriculum designed to prepare participants for employment success through engaging, instructor-led learning experiences that build workplace knowledge, professional skills, and career confidence.

The curriculum can be delivered in person, virtually, or through a hybrid model and is supported by CareerWork\$ implementation guidance and technical assistance.

DESIGNED IN A
12 HOUR
— OR —
24 HOUR
FORMAT

CORE TOPICS

- Workplace Communication
- Professionalism and Workplace Expectations
- Customer Service
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Career Exploration
- Resume Development
- Interview Preparation
- Job Search Strategies
- Time Management and Organization
- Digital Literacy
- Workplace Problem Solving
- Self-Advocacy and Career Success Skills

This curriculum **supports all 5 required pre ETS areas:**



Job exploration
and counseling



Workplace
readiness training



Work-based
learning experiences



Counseling on
post-secondary
education or training



Self-advocacy
and peer
mentoring

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

ReadyWork\$ Youth uses a variety of interactive, real-world learning methods to engage participants and build confidence. Each module is designed to be practical, relevant, and participant-centered.

- Instructor-led discussions
- Role plays and simulations
- Group activities and collaboration
- Real-world scenarios
- Case studies
- Self-assessments and reflections
- Action planning

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Participants who complete ReadyWork\$ Youth will gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to succeed in the workplace and take the next step in their career journey.

Participants will be able to:

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READYWORK\$ YOUTH LMS WALKTHROUGH



Engaging Learning



Track Progress & Completion



Real-Time Insights



Built for Learners & Facilitators

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ReadyWork\$ Youth 2026

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Passed tests	0
Completion rate	0.00%

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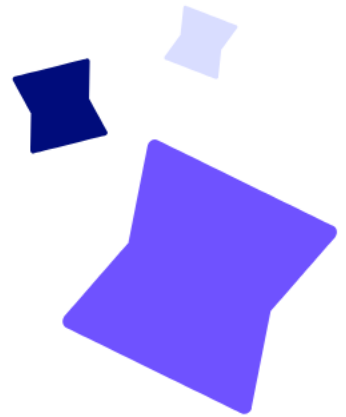
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