

## Inclusion of Students with Disabilities in CTE Programs

The Michigan Transition 2020 – Interagency Collaboration is an initiative by the federal government entitled, *The 2020 Federal Youth Transition Plan: A Federal Interagency Strategy*. The interagency plan is framed by the following vision:

*Our vision is that all youth programs are based on universal design principles so that youth, regardless of their individual challenges, including disability, are equipped to pursue a self-directed pathway to address their interests, aspirations, and goals across all transition domains including community engagement, education, employment, health, and independent living that will ultimately result in positive, everyday social inclusion.*

A few weeks ago, at the Michigan 2020 Interagency Collaboration conference, the Office of Career and Technical Education, Health and Human Services, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Community and Mental Health, and other transition partners came together to discuss how to best implement the 2020 Federal Youth Transition Plan in Michigan.

The Office of Career and Technical Education would like to receive input from CTE programs on how they include students with disabilities in programs and we will share these best practices on the OCTE website. There are some excellent programs that offer students with disabilities the opportunity to enter CTE such as the Wexford-Missaukee Career and Technical Center Career Skills Program. In this program, students are given the opportunity to explore different CTE skills with the hope that some students will transition into a program. OCTE would also like to know the challenges that programs have faced transitioning students into CTE programs.

If you would like to share best practices and/or challenges, please email a summary to Valerie Felder at [felderv@michigan.gov](mailto:felderv@michigan.gov) or you may contact Valerie at 517-335-1066. Information received will be collected and placed on the OCTE Special Populations website: [Special Populations](#). It is the hope that this website will provide a collaboration among CTE programs to share information.

If you would like to learn more about *The 2020 Federal Youth Transition Plan*, please see the attached documents.

Thank you.