

## Strategies for Post School Outcome Success



### Collect important information before the student leaves:

Districts who do the following are more likely to reach the student a year out

- Post the Logo so students learn about the collection
- talk with students during their final year in school,
- some schools invite past students back to school for a “pizza party” where they share their experiences and things they wished they had paid more attention to while in school,
- share what past students’ say about school on their follow-up interviews
- have the parent or student sign the agreement to participate in the Exit interview early in the school year
- have the student address the reminder post card before he or she leaves school
- collect contact information for finding the student (or someone who probably knows where they are) after they leave, and
- let the students know the importance of participating in the follow up interview
- and asks the student who they would like to talk to the following year about their experiences

### Send the reminder post card to the student or family before you call:

- reminds students and families of the follow up interview
- lets them know why someone from the district will be calling
- reminds them that their experiences are valuable
- easy to identify by the logo
- allows student or family member to set up a call at a convenient time

### Remember:

- ❑ students are more likely to share their experiences after leaving school with someone they know
- ❑ make calls during the day, but for hard-to-reach students or family members, you may need to try meal times, evenings, or weekends
- ❑ sound like it matters, let them know that sharing their experiences will help other students, and will help the teachers to make a difference
- ❑ have local resource information handy: this may be an opportunity to connect a former student with resources they can use to take another step
- ❑ when possible, interview the student, but a family member or acquaintance that is familiar with the former students experiences can complete the interview

### The Post Card form and other resources for the Post School Outcomes collection can be found:

- ✓ on the PSO 2.0 application on the ODE Resources TAB and
- ✓ on the Transition Community Network District Resource page:  
<http://tcntransition.org/resources/post-school-outcomes-materials>

<p>The [insert School or district name] needs your help! We want to learn from former students how we can improve high school transition services. You will receive a phone call that asks questions about what you have been doing since you left school, such as have you worked or gone to school? Answering the questions will take about 10 minutes.</p> <p>Teachers will use answers from students like you to learn what they can do to help other youth get jobs and go to school after high school. To make sure you have a chance to answer the questions, please call xxx-xxx-xxxx to help the district find you or a family member who can help with.</p> <p>We want to hear from you: very important. Questions number: your district or # johnson@psos.edu</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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