Example: Case Study for Susie

Student: Susie
Disability: Deafblind Multi Disabled
Student Direction: Assisted work in the community;
Volunteer opportunities, participation in community events
Agency Assistance: Community support, DD Services

This supplemental guide is for a student who has multiple disabilities, including deaf blindness and contains a variety of transition related forms, each containing the same general information. It is not expected that all of these forms would be appropriate for a single student: districts can pick and choose examples that may be helpful for their students.

Transition Action Plan Template and Student History—

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Susie has a younger brother, Chase, and an older sister, Carrie, who is at Community College. When at home, Carrie involves Susie in chores – e.g., having Susie move a broom or mop with both of them holding the handle. Hand-under-hand, Susie and Carrie press the buttons on the microwave oven, wipe dishes, mix batter for cookies, and even press down on the NutriBullet to make shakes. Chase, who is 7, also knows how to involve Susie, showing her bright new apps on his iPad, or how his toy snake vibrates and moves.

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Although Susie’s parents know that she will probably not obtain a degree from college, they plan on her going to the Community College and being included in classes that involve hands-on activities such as horticulture. Since she likes water, they are looking at volunteer (or paid) activities such as at a community swimming pool, washing toys at a children’s museum at the end of the day, or assisting in cleaning out their small town’s public fountain. They plan on assisting Susie to live in an annex at their home, with a room-mate who will have rent-free space in exchange for helping Susie be included in home and community activities.
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Examples: IEP DISCUSSION STARTERS

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The IEP Team could consider the following areas of planning, academic, and functional skills to prepare the student for the next step in life. None of these lists are “all-inclusive” of the planning, academic or functional skills needed. They are simply suggestions to generate discussion for the IEP Team.

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Annual Measurable Goal (including conditions and frequency): Susie will work towards transition to post-school locations by working on the following objectives:

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- Susie will reach for calendar items on the wall or counter – placed at her wheelchair level --every time she goes through a routine with 100% accuracy
- Susie will identify 2 new toys or other objects every month with 80% accuracy by hitting one of two switches
- Susie will indicate “stop” by raising her hand when she reaches a “stopping location” on a specific route she is practicing, with 100% accuracy
- Susie will use an augmentative communication to communicate with persons around her with 90% accuracy
- Susie will master one new tactile sign vocabulary word each month with 80% accuracy
Summary of Performance

Student Name: **Susie Jones**  
Birth Date: **1.30.2002**  
Student ID#: **991095**

Attending School: **Baylor High School**  
Case Manager: **Gretel Minor**

Anticipated Exit Date: **07/2022** (mm/yy)

**Summary of Student’s Academic Achievement and Functional Performance:**

Susie is a 14 year old student who is deafblind. She also has additional challenges since the etiology for her deafblindness is CMV (cytomegalovirus). Susie uses a manual wheelchair – but does not have the ability to move it herself. Her central nervous system is affected because of the CMV, and she has a weak immune system too. She is tube-fed, and needs oxygen from time to time. She loves being right in the middle with people, and smiles a lot. Her academics revolve around her daily functional routines and learning to communicate via real objects, concrete symbols, a few gestures and signs, and switch devices.

Susie has a younger brother, Chase, and an older sister, Carrie, who is at Community College. When at home, Carrie involves Susie in chores – e.g., having Susie move a broom or mop with both of them holding on to these. Hand-under-hand, Susie and Carrie press the buttons on the microwave oven, wipe dishes, mix batter for cookies, and even press down on the NutriBullet to make shakes. Chase, who is 7, also knows how to involve Susie, showing her bright new apps on his iPad, or how his toy snake vibrates.

Susie’s mother works part-time at the local grocery store. Her Dad works in the appliance section of Sears. Susie loves visiting the grocery store as well as visiting her Dad in Sears. She does not mind how busy it is as she enjoys being around people, although sudden loud sounds startle her and noisy crowds overload her senses. At the grocery store, she will “visit” the manager’s office and watch through the large “window” as everyone scurries around, and her mother works at the checkout counter. Her residual vision may not be clear, but she can distinguish her mother from the other blurry human beings!

Although Susie’s parents know that she will probably not obtain a degree from college, they plan on her going to the Community College and being included in classes that involve hands-on activities such as horticulture. Since she likes water, they are looking at volunteer (or paid) activities such as at a community swimming pool, washing toys at a children’s museum at the end of the day, or assisting in cleaning out their small town’s public fountain. They plan on assisting Susie to live in an annex at their home, with a room-mate who will have rent-free space in exchange for being creative about Susie be included in home and community activities.

**Student’s Post-Secondary Goals:**

**Education and Training**

After graduation from high school, Susie will attend the local Community College and participate in practicum sessions of classes on horticulture, animal science, music.

**Employment**

Susie will work as a volunteer or a paid member of a community organization such as Walmart, Goodwill, or wherever she can practice her specific skills.

**Independent Living**

Susie will live in the annex of her parents’ home, and take in a renter who will live with her rent-free in exchange for being a support service person (SSP) to Susie.

**Recommendations to Assist Student in Meeting Post-Secondary Goals:**

Early and ongoing contact with other agencies:

- Legal guidance for Susie’s parents to become her guardians at age 18.
- Connect parents to Families and Community Together (FACT) and their Parent Training initiative
• Local Community College or University which will allow for an innovative program to be created for Susie to attend their institution
• DD Services involvement to create opportunities for work, community involvement and leisure
• VR involvement WITH the DD services activities
• Commission for the Blind involvement to continue what was being done in school to meet Susie’s travel needs, her community involvement, and the possibility of working at a job-site on a task(s) suited to her
• Commission for the Blind and Helen Keller National Center summer programs for help in a broad-based evaluation/needs assessment leading to post school life activities.

Ensure the transition goal/objectives are met:
Susie will work towards transition to post-school locations by working on the following:

• She will pay attention to someone or something for 10 or more minutes at a time
• She will reach out for calendar items on the wall or counter – placed at her wheelchair level -- each time she goes through a routine
• Susie will explore 2 new toys or other objects, until they become familiar to her -- every month
• Susie will indicate “stop” when she reaches a destination on a specific route she is practicing, where she is expected to stop
• Susie and her educational team (including her parents) will explore 1 new community setting each month before she transitions out of school
• Susie will use augmentative communication – a switch, booklet, or i-pad app that will assist her to communicate with persons around her
• She will continue to add words to her tactile sign vocabulary of a minimum of one new sign a month

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School: ______________________ Baylor High School ______________________ Date: __________ 2/16/2016
Example of Person Centered Plan: Susie

**GOAL!!!**

*Graduate from Baylor High School; attend Western Oregon University and/or Chemeketa Community College for specially modified and adapted practicum in hands-on subjects such as horticulture.*

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**Graduate from High School**

- Work on routines, plus communication
- Communication modes to help reach out socially
- Orientation and mobility - limited techniques

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**Continue Learning!**

- Enroll at Western Oregon University and/or Chemeketa
- Get disability services for SSP assistance through the university or college

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**Susie’s Plan for her future:**

--Continue to learn to communicate and building a system
--Graduate from school
--Acquire experiences through community activities and college/university participation
--Work or participate in leisure activities in the community