

Post-Secondary, Special Education Self-Contained Curriculum Adoption Update

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Purpose/Objectives

This presentation will give an overview of the background, process, and recommendations for the Post-Secondary Foothill Area Community Transition Services (FACTS) curriculum.





Background

- FACTS classes consist of 80 students with diverse and broad spectrum of needs from age 18-22.
- Teachers have been using a variety of resources to support students.
- FACTS is a community based program that focuses on functional skills.
- Special Education staff agreed that a viable curriculum focusing on functional/transitional skills for adults was most appropriate.



Process

- July 2020: the FACTS team met with the Special Education Department to **discuss the process** of curriculum review.
- September 2020: a **rubric was developed by teachers** and the following curriculum were reviewed:
 - N2Y Total Solutions; TeachTown – Transition to Adulthood; and Education Associates – Job Ready, Life Ready.
- September – December 2020: The FACTS teachers **reviewed all the curriculum** programs and unanimously chose the TeachTown curriculum.
- January 2021: Teachers unanimously selected **TeachTown – Transition to Adulthood Curriculum**
 - Evidence Based Practices identified by the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum (NPDC) and the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT).



TeachTown – Transition to Adulthood

5 Learning Domains

- Personal living skills
- Home skills
- Community skills
- Vocational skills
- Leisure skills

Program Features

- Point of View Modeling
 - Teacher delivered lessons
 - Computer based lessons
 - Task analysis
 - Visuals supports
 - Data collection
- Video: [TeachTown - Transition to Adulthood Overview](#)



TeachTown Recommendation

- Is composed of a variety of topics and learning areas specific to adult transition and accessible through different learning modalities.
- Features ongoing data collection and the ability to link to IEP goals for data analysis, goal development and lesson planning.
- Efficiently accessible in Distance Learning environment and in the physical community/classroom environment.
- Parents are encouraged to view the TeachTown overview video (on special education website) and share thoughts before final adoption on February 16.
 - Video: [TeachTown - Transition to Adulthood Overview](#)



Questions?