Building Alliance:
A Design for System Change that Supports Students with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

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Building Alliance:

› National Overview
› Options in North Carolina
› AHEAD White Paper on Students with ID
› Career College: Alamance Community College
› University Participant: Western Carolina U.
Collaborating to Create Successful PSE Options for Students with I/DD

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What’s happening nationally?

250+ PSE Options

Variables:
- Student Inclusion
- Housing, employment, campus life
- Access to typical courses
- Disability services

Higher Education Opportunity Act

- Financial Aid
  - Pell grants
  - Supplemental Grants
  - Work-study Program
- Model Demonstration Programs (27)
  - North Carolina: WCU
- National Coordinating Center: ThinkCollege
NC Postsecondary Education Alliance

Mission: to expand options for Postsecondary Education in NC

- Stakeholders: educators, VR, agencies, legislators, families, student advocates
- Address barriers, collaborate
- Website/resources

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PSE in North Carolina

UNIVERSITIES:
- WCU: University Participant
- UNC-G: Beyond Academics
- ASU: Scholars with Diverse Abilities
- CIDD-UNC: LEND Self-Advocate Trainee

COMMUNITY COLLEGES:
- Alamance CC: Career College
- Central Piedmont CC: Project SEARCH
- Cleveland CC: Connexions
- Randolph CC: Career College
Collaborative Roles with Western Carolina University's University Participant (UP) Program and the Office of Disability Services

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What is the UP Program?

• A two-year, inclusive program for college-aged individuals with intellectual disabilities.


• 2010: Expanded to 4 participants. Funded as model demonstration site by U.S. Department of Education.

• 2011: Added 4 participants for total of 8 participants.

Collaborative Efforts

Preliminary Roles

• Initial person centered planning meetings

• UP Admissions Steering Committee involvement

• Self-disclosure and exact process offered by Disability Services

• Accessibility issues on campus- ADA committee
Collaborative Efforts

- **Ongoing Collaboration**
  - Clarifying student assistant roles in classes with professors
  - Resource consultation for legal concerns
  - Priority registration for conducive learning
  - Test proctoring roles for Disability Services and UP Program

Areas We Are Currently Working Through

- Accommodations vs. Modifications
- Fostering independence and “sameness” for individuals with intellectual disabilities campus wide
- Partnership to address medical needs proactively

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Career College is ....
› Year-long post-secondary certificate program for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities.
› This entry-level program provides a foundation for transitioning into a career or additional paperwork.

More on Career College
› The students further develop reading, math and computer skills along with participation in a hands-on practicum experience within a specific program of study.
Job Specific Training

Automotive Assistant

Health & Public Services Assistant

Elon University Partnership with Career College

Spring 2012 Best Buddies Kick-off and Cookout at Elon

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AHEAD White Paper on Students with Intellectual Disabilities

» Disability Service Professionals
  - Appropriate accommodations
  - Delivery of accommodations
  - Campus access
  - Assistive technology
  - Universal Design for education

AHEAD White Paper on Students with Intellectual Disabilities

» Implications for Disability Services
  - Accommodations/Services
  - Academics
  - Technology
  - Financial
Resources

- [www.cidd.unc.edu/psea/](http://www.cidd.unc.edu/psea/) - NC Postsecondary Education Alliance
- [www.transitiontocollege.net](http://www.transitiontocollege.net) - Post-Secondary Education Research Center (PERC). Info on options and trends; funded by OSEP.
- [www.ThinkCollege.net](http://www.ThinkCollege.net) – Institute for Community Inclusion; Database, TA, newsletter; funded by NIDRR, ADD, OSEP.
- [www.nsttac.org](http://www.nsttac.org) -- The National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center builds capacity for transition outcomes; directed by the Special Education Program at UNC-Charlotte in partnership with Special Education Programs at Western Michigan State and ASU. Funded by OSEP.