

State of the Science Conference Opening Doors for Youth

Bridges To Life and
Transition Program

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- At CSDB the Bridges to Life transition program is composed of students who are blind, deaf, multi-handicapped.
- The Bridges to Life transition program is not a “glorified high school program”, but focuses on six target areas:

- Assistive Technology
- Post-secondary Education and Training
- Independent Living Skills
 - Work Preparedness
- Work Experience
- Transition to Life



Student Success Measured by

Assessments and

Improvements towards goals
established in their
individualized transition plan.

Age and Graduation Requirements

The student may stay in the transition program through the semester of his/her 21st birthday.

Students may live on the school campus.

Students have met the school's and state's requirements for graduation.

Culture and Socioeconomic Status

- The students in our transition program represent a diverse and culturally linguistic students who are deaf or blind who have a voice in their transition IEP's.



- National Transition Longitudinal Study
- National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center
- National Transition Forum

Post Secondary Education

- AVP -Area Vocational Program
- Pikes Peak Community College
- University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

Related Services and Support

- Orientation and Mobility
- Speech
- Adaptive Equipment
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy

Adaptive Technology

- **We offer a variety of assistive technologies such as JAWS, ZoomText, Magnasight, Freedom Scientific, Humanware**
- **Students have an Individual Technology Plan**
- **Students demonstrate increased proficiency of the use of assistive technology in their environment.**

Work Preparedness

- Assessment
- Successfully complete Course on Workplace Etiquette, Policies, and Expectations
- Course on Job Seeking skills
- Document student skills in their Portfolio
- Job Search and Placement

Job Coach

Jobs match students' skills and interest

Work with employer

Community reintegration

Teacher follow up

Independent Living Skills

- Daily Living Skills
- Social Skills
- Recreation and Leisure
- Shopping
- Transportation
- Community Service

- Home Management
- Support
- Recreation and Leisure Skills
 - Goalball
- On-campus Apartments



After leaving Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind students are provided with support services through CSDB in their home communities through our outreach program.