

Florida Center for Students with
UNIQUE ABILITIES

Realizing the Dream: Creating Pathways to Success through Postsecondary Education

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Florida's Opportunity

- ▶ The Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act (FS 1004.6495)
- ▶ Signed into law January 21, 2016

The FPCTP Act

- ▶ Established the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities
- ▶ Established Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTP)
- ▶ Funds scholarships for students to attend approved programs
- ▶ Funds start-up and enhancement grants

FCSUA's Charge

- ▶ Disseminate information to stakeholders, particularly students and their families
- ▶ Develop and implement an application, submission, and approval process for becoming a FPCTP
- ▶ Administer start-up and enhancement grants
- ▶ Collect, analyze, and report evaluation information regarding program and student outcomes

Eligible Postsecondary Institutions

- ▶ State university
- ▶ Florida College System institution
- ▶ Career center
- ▶ Charter technical career center
- ▶ An independent college or university that is located and chartered in this state, is not for profit, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and is eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program.

Eligible Students

- ▶ Be a "student with an intellectual disability" as that term is defined in 20 U.S.C. s. 1140(2), including, but not limited to, a transitional student (age 18 - 26)
- ▶ Physically attend the eligible institution
- ▶ Submit documentation regarding his or her intellectual disability

FPCT Programs

- ▶ Focus on employment outcomes
- ▶ Inclusive contexts
- ▶ No less than half-time enrollment
- ▶ Meaningful credential, industry certification
- ▶ Requires definition of *satisfactory academic performance*
- ▶ Requires federal comprehensive transition program application

FPCT Programs - Universities

- ▶ Florida Atlantic University - Jupiter and expanding to Boca Raton
- ▶ University of Central Florida - Orlando

FPCT Programs - State Colleges

- ▶ Florida Keys Community College - Key West and expanding to upper Keys
- ▶ Santa Fe College - Gainesville
- ▶ Indian River State College - Ft. Pierce

FPCT Programs - Career Tech Centers

- ▶ Florida Panhandle Technical College - Chipley
- ▶ Miami-Dade County Public Schools - Robert Morgan Technical Center, Miami
- ▶ Broward County Public Schools - McFatter Technical College, Davie

FPCTP Scholarships

- ▶ Scholarships available for eligible students attending the approved FPCTPs
- ▶ 47 scholarships awarded to date @ \$7,000 annually
 - FAU - 22 students
 - UCF - 17 students
 - FKCC - 3 students
 - Santa Fe College - 5 students (one semester)

FPCTP Grants

- ▶ Start-up
 - Establish a new program
- ▶ Enhancement
 - Add FPCTP “standards” to an existing program
 - Expand or improve an approved FPCTP

Grants in Process @ \$300,000 Each

- ▶ FAU - Academy for Community Inclusion (enhance)
- ▶ UCF - Inclusive Educational Services (enhance)
- ▶ Broward County PS - Grow Your Future (start-up)
- ▶ Miami-Dade PS - Project TOPS (start-up)
- ▶ Santa Fe College - Project SAINT (enhance)
- ▶ Indian River SC - IRSC STAGE (start-up)
- ▶ FKCC - Project ACCESS (enhance)

The FCSUA Provides

- ▶ Assistance to prepare FPCTP applications and grant proposals, and to request scholarships
- ▶ Assistance to design evaluation plans, and to collect and analyze evaluation data
- ▶ Assistance to develop the Federal CTP proposal
- ▶ Feedback to the State legislators re: funding and policy needs

You can Make the Dreams Reality!

- ▶ Empower students and families
- ▶ Target postsecondary education programs in students' IEPs and *prepare students!*
- ▶ Create and provide choices for postsecondary education - reach out to your institutions to offer a range of opportunities across Florida
- ▶ Connect with other partners: VR, Able Trust
- ▶ Access the Center's resources

Coming Soon

- ▶ Website updating and expansion
- ▶ Professional development opportunities
- ▶ Outreach to secondary schools
- ▶ Development of strategic planning system and process for FPCTP teams

Announcements

- ▶ Dr. Drew Andrews - Technical Assistance Coordinator effective May 12
- ▶ Dr. Caitlyn Bukaty - Evaluation Coordinator and Analyst effective June 5
- ▶ Coordinator of Administrative Services - TBA
- ▶ Thank you Dr. Lisa Jester!

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