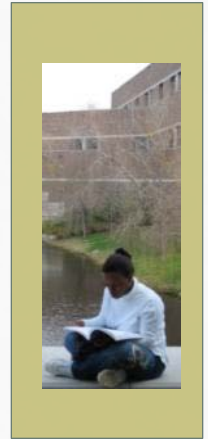


# THE ARC JACKSONVILLE ON CAMPUS TRANSITION UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA



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A college professor, a parent, and a high school inclusion conference;  
the beginning of a partnership for post secondary opportunities for  
individuals with intellectual disabilities in Florida.

# ON CAMPUS TRANSITION WORKING GROUP

IN 2004



- Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville
- Duval County Public School District
- Grove House Supportive Services
- North Florida School
- The Arc Jacksonville
- University of North Florida
  - College of Education and Human Services
  - Disability Resource Center
  - President's Office
  - Alumni Association

# AFFILIATIONS

- National Down Syndrome Society
- Governor's ADA Working Group Board
- State Advisory Committee for Exceptional Student Education
- Council for Exceptional Children
  - Division of Career Development and Transition
- TASH
- Central Florida Parent Center (PTI)
- Project Connect (State DOE supported transition project)
- Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged
- High School/High Tech
- Exceptional Student Education Advisory Committee – Duval County
- Association for Persons in Supported Employment (APSE)

# OUTREACH

- State Department of Education
  - Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services
    - Project Transition Education Network
    - Florida Inclusion Network
    - Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)
  - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
  - Division of Blind Services
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Florida Developmental Disabilities Council
- Independent Living Resource Center (CIL)
- Family Network on Disabilities (PTI)
- Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force
- Worksource
  - Disability Navigator
- Business Leadership Network
- Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology
- City of Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Transportation Authority
- Private Foundations

# CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

- Literature review
- On-Campus Outreach at University of Maryland
- Think College
- 9 site visits
- Meetings with FLDOE
- Conducted a survey among transition stakeholders statewide
  - Reported results at a statewide meeting of transition stakeholders – DOE, VR, APD, School Districts, and others
- Met with other State and private agencies
- Attended planning meeting with the National Down Syndrome Society and two developing PSE programs in New Jersey

# ON CAMPUS TRANSITION AT UNF

- Individual Program of Study
  - Audit college classes
  - Service learning, volunteer experience, internship, paid employment
  - Social/Emotional Development
  - Self determination
  - Independence
- Participate in student clubs and organizations
- Experience Sports/Culture/Arts and other opportunities on Campus



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- 2006 Pilot with 3 students
- 2007/2008 - 1<sup>st</sup> year -16 students
- Currently serving 25 students, 18 – 27 years of age from Florida and Georgia
  - Funding expanded to accept
    - Florida's McKay scholarship for students with disabilities through FLDOE
    - Private pay
    - Medicaid Waiver Funding
    - Currently expanding VR funding
    - AmeriCorps
    - Exploring Pell Grants/Student Work Study



# RESIDENTIAL SERVICES OPTION IN 2008



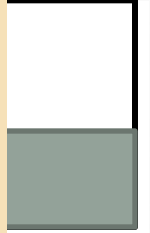
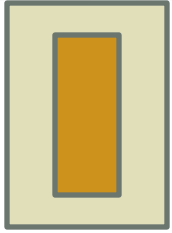
- Private foundation grant for exploration/development
- Private pay, Medicaid Waiver, AmeriCorps Living Stipend
- Exploring VR funding
- Student suites housing – currently serving 9 students
  - Expanding to dorms in the spring
- LIFE Experience – two four-week experiential, independent living, summer sessions developed in 2009 to help offset the residential program costs



# COLLABORATION CONTINUED

- Governor's Commission on Disabilities
- FLDOE Project 10 (Transition Education Network)
  - Project Stingray – USF St. Pete
  - Florida Collaborative TIPSID Grant
- USF – Tampa UCEDD - Florida College Collaborative
- Florida Association for Higher Education and Disabilities (AHEAD)
- National Disability Institute
- Real \$ense Prosperity Campaign
- Business Leadership Network
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- Area Local Businesses





Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead