

# RSA PTI

# Independent Futures that Work!

# Project



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Independent Futures that Work RSA PTI is a project of the Alabama Parent Education Center



Our Agenda for  
today's meeting

Project Introduction

Primary Purpose

Review Six Key Project Objectives

View Website

## What We Know

- ▶ Work is an important part of living a self-fulfilled life and key to remaining independent
- ▶ Individuals with disabilities have some of the highest rates of unemployment
- ▶ Individuals with disabilities may require supports to live independently
- ▶ Life does not end after high school but rather begins
- ▶ Connections to adult supports is critical for youth with disabilities through their 504 and IEP plans
- ▶ Education beyond high school can include many paths that lead to work
  - ▶ Training programs
  - ▶ Technical schools
  - ▶ Degreed programs
  - ▶ others
- ▶ Youth with disabilities need connections to good adult services that support them in meaningful ways to live independent successful lives.

# RSA PTI Independent Futures that Work! Project – Who are we?

Independent Futures that Work! is a project of the Alabama Parent Education Center serving 6 states with Parent Training Center partners in each respective state.

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Oklahoma
- Texas

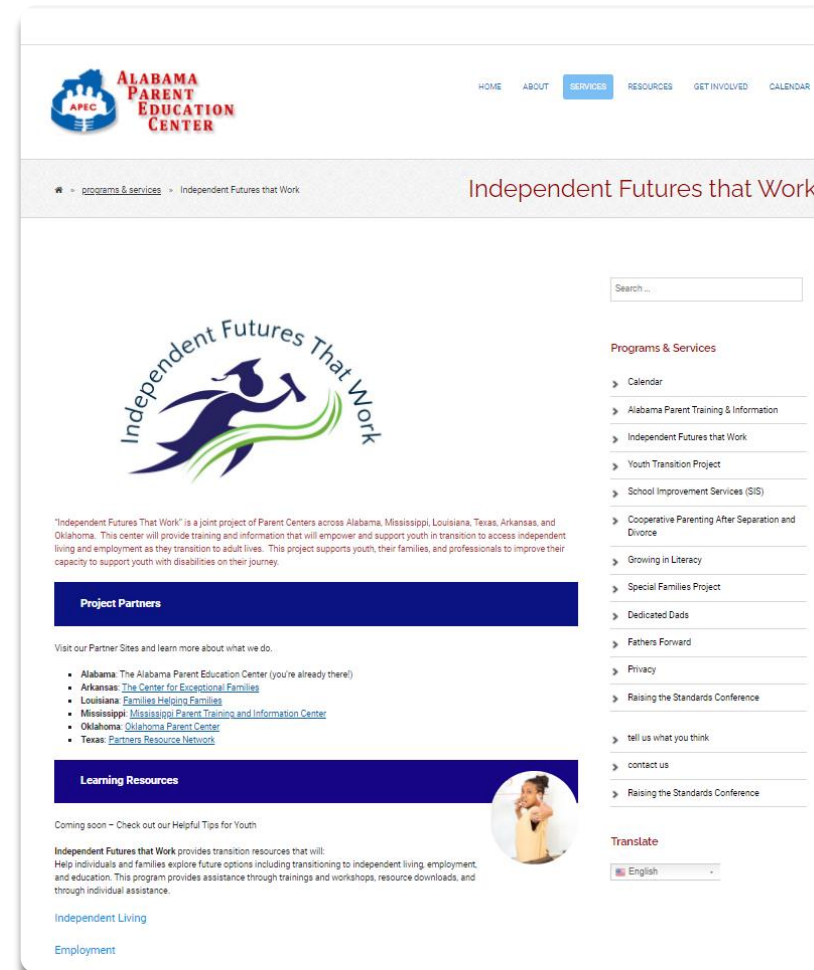
# Primary Purpose of the Project

Independent Futures that Work's purpose is to build the competence and confidence of young adults with disabilities to access independent living and employment services so that they can more successfully transition from the youth entitlement system to the adult eligibility system

# Key Project Objectives

- ▶ Advisory Committee
- ▶ Inventory and Evaluate Existing Materials
- ▶ Develop New Materials
- ▶ Actively Use Material
- ▶ Assist Professionals
- ▶ Monitor and Adjust

# Independent Futures that Work!



The screenshot shows the website for the Alabama Parent Education Center (APEC). The header includes the APEC logo and navigation links for HOME, ABOUT, SERVICES, RESOURCES, GET INVOLVED, and CALENDAR. The main content area features the 'Independent Futures that Work' logo, a search bar, and a list of programs and services. A 'Project Partners' section lists various state parent education centers. A 'Learning Resources' section includes a 'Helpful Tips for Youth' link and a list of transition resources. A 'Translate' section offers an English language option.

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HOME ABOUT SERVICES RESOURCES GET INVOLVED CALENDAR

» » programs & services » Independent Futures that Work

## Independent Futures that Work

Search ...

### Programs & Services

- > Calendar
- > Alabama Parent Training & Information
- > Independent Futures that Work
- > Youth Transition Project
- > School Improvement Services (SIS)
- > Cooperative Parenting After Separation and Divorce
- > Growing in Literacy
- > Special Families Project
- > Dedicated Dads
- > Fathers Forward
- > Privacy
- > Raising the Standards Conference
- > tell us what you think
- > contact us
- > Raising the Standards Conference

### Project Partners

Visit our Partner Sites and learn more about what we do.

- Alabama: [The Alabama Parent Education Center \(you're already there!\)](#)
- Arkansas: [The Center for Exceptional Families](#)
- Louisiana: [Family Helping Families](#)
- Mississippi: [Mississippi Parent Training and Information Center](#)
- Oklahoma: [Oklahoma Parent Center](#)
- Texas: [Partners Resource Network](#)

### Learning Resources

Coming soon - Check out our [Helpful Tips for Youth](#)

Independent Futures that Work provides transition resources that will help individuals and families explore future options including transitioning to independent living, employment, and education. This program provides assistance through trainings and workshops, resource downloads, and through individual assistance.

[Independent Living](#)

[Employment](#)

### Translate

English

# Purpose of State Advisory Committee

The Alabama State Advisory Committee will serve in an advisory role to support the project staff in the development, implementation and distribution of an effective plan to help young adults with disabilities and their families participate more effectively with professionals to meet the vocational, independent living, and rehabilitation needs of individuals with disabilities.





# How Can You Support the Project

- ▶ Serve on your state's advisory committee
- ▶ Serve on the regional advisory to drive project development
- ▶ Attend trainings
- ▶ Review materials and provide feedback on materials developed by the project
- ▶ Advise us about what you need as a youth in transition, a family supporting a youth, an educator developing transition plans with youth, or a professional serving in transition services
- ▶ Share information with others



Thank you!  
Next Alabama State Advisory Meeting  
May 13, 2021 at 2:00pm  
Join US



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