STAR
Student Transition Assistance Resources
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Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) in partnership with Disability:IN North Carolina (DI-NC) is pleased to announce that our successful STAR Program continues to expand across the state. We are now offering virtual courses on self-advocacy, job exploration and workplace readiness.

DOES YOUR CHILD WITH A DISABILITY HAVE A PLAN FOR POST-HIGH SCHOOL?

The STAR program offers Pre-ETS* training services including 1) job and career exploration, 2) self-advocacy training, and 3) workplace readiness training. Classes meet virtually, once a week for 9 weeks outside of the school schedule.

*Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are a set of activities defined by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 (Public Law 113-128) intended to expose students with disabilities at an early age to self-advocacy, postsecondary training, and employment skills and options. WIOA requires that the state Vocational Rehabilitation program provide a continuum of services to students and youth which begins with Pre-ETS and, for individuals who are eligible for the vocational rehabilitation program, continues with vocational rehabilitation transition and employment services.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

"The STAR program is very engaging for each student and a learning experience for both students and families. STAR helps families by providing tools and information to better understand your student with disabilities and preparing students with disabilities with the tools they need once they leave high school."
-Parent of Star Student

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

The STAR Program is open to high school students (ages 14 - 22) from all N.C. counties. Students with disabilities enrolled in the Future-Ready Course of Study (FRC), Occupational Course of Study (OCS), ExtendedContent Standards (ECS), or have a 504 plan are eligible. The STAR program serves students who attend public schools, charter schools, private schools, virtual schools, and home schools.

HOW DO WE APPLY?

There is no application deadline. Classes are offered throughout the year. To apply, scan the QR Code below. You will need to download and save the application form before filling it out. Email the completed application to: **starprogram@ecacmail.org**.