17th Annual Working Together Conference
Mapping Transitions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Birth to Adulthood

October 6th 2017

Survey Overview

Initial Registration Total: 56

➔ 10 Parents
➔ 46 Service Providers

Actual Head Counts at Event: 52 (-4)

SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

** 29 individuals took the survey post conference**
(55.7% of attendees)

➔ 6 Parents (20.7% of survey participants)
➔ 23 Service Providers (79.3% of survey participants)

** 'Service Providers' in Conference Attendees (includes, but is not limited to
the following people)**

Teacher of the Deaf, Teacher of the Deaf and Vision Loss, Regular classroom teacher, Educational
Consultants, Educational Audiologists, Paraprofessionals/1:1 aides, Educational
Interpreters/Interpreters, Speech Language Pathologists, Listening Spoken Language Specialist, Special
Education administrators, Occupational/Physical Therapists, Guidance Counselors/Social
Workers/Rehabilitation Counselors/Transition Counselors/Psychologists and Community Advocates
Q1: Are you a parent or service provider?
- **Overview of the conference demographic - this survey represents 11.5% parents and 88.5% service providers viewpoints.**

Q2: General Rating of Dr. Trinidad Tellez’s *Mapping Transitions in NH*
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 25.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 42.9% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 32.1% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

**Average: 4.1 STARS out of 5.0 STARS**

**Comments:**
- It provided a general overview, but nothing really specific to individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing
- Difficult subject to make interesting.
- It was nice to have DHHS speaker. Best of all that she is a mother with a child who has IEP. Parents can related with her. Thank you for being the keynote speaker.
- Good brief explanation of early services.
- So grateful for her support of deaf and hard of hearing students in NH.
- I thought her presentation was very informative, well thought out and organized!
- I appreciated the comment that everyone’s road map might look different. It was a really nice way to set the day!
Q3: Breakdown Rating of Dr. Trinidad Tellez’s *Mapping Transitions in NH*

The presentation addressed the objectives of the conference
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 27.6% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 44.8% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 27.6% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

The information was presented in a clear and concise manner
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 3.5% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 17.2% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 51.7% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 27.6% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

The content was relevant and useful
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 3.5% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 24.1% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 44.8% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 27.6% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

If given the opportunity, I would attend future workshops with this presenter
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 10.3% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 27.7% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 31.0% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 31.0% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**
Q4: General Rating of Karen Hopkins' *From the Mountain to the Island...Challenges and Success with Transitions: A Personal Journey*

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 6.9% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 93.1% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

**Average: 4.9 STARS out of 5.0 STARS**

**Comments:**
- I really enjoyed Karen’s presentation she is amazing speaker and loved hearing her inspiring story.
- Good blend of personal and organizational information/advice
- I LOVED her presentation and how she presented it!! Excellent presenter!
- I loved the personal and anecdotal information. She made everything so interesting, relatable, and intellectual at the same time
- Great presenter and wonderful presentation! Really enjoyed how she shared her personal experiences with transitions.
- Amazing speaker! Karen provided specific transition issues related to all stages of life from birth to adulthood specifically for individuals who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Excellent!! Very engaging.
- Karen’s story touched my in a way I was not expecting! Several times through her speech I was grabbing for tissues! As a parent being fairly new to the journey of having a child with hearing loss, I heard many things I wish I had heard at the very beginning. All the emotions I had been feeling Inrealized were indeed rational thoughts!
- Awesome. Outstanding. Walk the Walk is a powerful way to describe how a deaf person and the parents of deaf child understand what it is like to be frustrated, some challenging moments and learning curve. Love hearing about her beloved Mother who passed away. Thank you for coming from Maine.
- Excellent description of transition services and personal journey.
- Amazing to hear her story and the way things work in Maine would love to integrate this into the way things are done in NH
- Karen was an excellent speaker! Her journey and transition information was extremely helpful to me as a first time Mom to a young three year old with deafness. Thank you very much to Karen for sharing her life story and transitions!
- She was fabulous! I really appreciated her unique perspective, as an individual and as a professional.
- From a parent and professional standpoint, Karen’s presentation was fantastic. I was able to relate to the material on many different levels. I thought her personal narrative was beautifully described and her ability to intersperse her professional activities and accomplishments throughout were truly inspiring. Many thanks, Karen!
- One of the best presentation I’ve seen in YEARS!
Q5: Breakdown Rating of Karen Hopkins’ *From the Mountain to the Island...Challenges and Success with Transitions: A Personal Journey*

The presentation addressed the objectives of the conference

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 13.8% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 86.2% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

The information was presented in a clear and concise manner

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 13.8% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 86.2% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

The content was relevant and useful

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 6.9% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 93.1% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

If given the opportunity, I would attend future workshops with this presenter

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 6.9% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 93.1% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**
Q6: General Rating of Kevin Bohlin and Paula Collins’ *WIOA: Pre-Employment Transition Services, Age 14-21*

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 3.5% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 41.2% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 55.3% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

**Average: 4.5 STARS out of 5.0 STARS**

**Comments:**
- Interesting to learn more about this program.
- Great presentation. Good information.
- Great information and the presentation was clear, short, and to the point. Thumbs up!
- I didn't know much about WIOA prior to this presentation. It was well organized and provided a lot of useful information!
- Well versed speakers who is trying to assist NHVR. Kevin and Paula knows well when it comes to 'Walk the Walk'!!!!
- Captivating and informative.
- Kevin and Paula executed an excellent, informative and well thought out presentation that the layman could relate too! I loved the S.P.I.C.E. analogy!!! They were both extremely helpful again to a first time mom with a young three year old with deafness! Thank you very much!
- I didn't know anything about this ... and the method of presenting the information was both engaging and informative
- Paula and Kevin are definitely a dynamic team! While listening to them, I wish they could work with any ages
Q7: Breakdown Rating of Kevin Bohlin and Paula Collins’ WIOA: Pre-Employment Transition Services, Age 14-21

The presentation addressed the objectives of the conference

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 3.5% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 44.8% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 51.7% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The information was presented in a clear and concise manner

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 6.9% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 41.4% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 51.7% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The content was relevant and useful

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 3.4% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 3.5% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 37.9% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 55.2% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

If given the opportunity, I would attend future workshops with this presenter

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 3.4% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 6.9% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 34.5% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 55.2% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT
Q8: General Rating of *Family Panel*

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 3.7% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 29.6% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 66.7% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

**Average: 4.6 STARS out of 5.0 STARS**

**Comments:**

- Wonderful input from families. I really enjoyed this presentation. ALL school teachers need to experience this type of panel. EXCELLENT Session !!!!!
- It is always nice to get perspectives from the parents of DHH children!
- Wow! The parents really provided much insight into their own family & children's journeys and gave useful information for those of us who provide education to children.
- Panel Mothers were awesome and so open. They will have successful children who can do anything except to hear. I am not worried about their children and will succeed in their adulthood.
- All the parents were very good articulate and spoke from the heart
- The parents were honest and forthcoming with their responses to Karen's questions about their children's transitions. It was interesting and helpful.
Q9: Breakdown Rating of *Family Panel*

The information addressed the objectives of the conference

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 7.7% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 26.9% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 65.4% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

The information was presented in a clear and concise manner

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 7.4% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 29.6% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 63.0% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

The content was relevant and useful

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 7.4% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 29.6% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 63.0% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

The families offered different perspectives/opportunities

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 7.4% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 18.5% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 74.1% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**

I felt connected with the families

- 0.0% survey respondent rated **POOR**
- 0.0% survey respondent rated **BELOW AVERAGE**
- 14.8% survey respondent rated **AVERAGE**
- 14.8% survey respondent rated **GOOD**
- 70.4% survey respondent rated **EXCELLENT**
Q10: During the Breakout Session: Birth to Adulthood; which group did you participate in?

Early Intervention-Preschool: 37.9% of survey respondent
(~21.2% of total conference attendance)
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Elementary-Middle School: 24.1% of survey respondent
(~13.5% of total conference attendance)
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Middle School-High School: 20.7% of survey respondent
(~11.5% of total conference attendance)
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Adults: 17.3% of survey respondent
(~9.6% of total conference attendance)

** ~ indicates an estimate of the general demographic of the conference attendees **
Q11a: Breakdown Rating of Breakout Session: Birth to Adulthood (GENERAL OVERVIEW)

The group addressed the objectives of the conference
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 3.7% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 25.9% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 70.4% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The information was discussed in a clear and concise manner
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 3.7% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 33.3% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 63.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The content was relevant and useful
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 3.7% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 22.2% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 74.1% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The facilitator(s) was respectful and not biased
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 7.4% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 18.5% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 74.1% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT
Q11b,c,d,e: Breakdown Rating of Breakout Session: Birth to Adulthood (specific group)

Early Intervention–Preschool: (11 responses)

The group addressed the objectives of the conference

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 9.1% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 36.4% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 54.5% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The information was discussed in a clear and concise manner

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 9.1% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 36.4% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 54.5% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The content was relevant and useful

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 9.1% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 18.2% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 72.7% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The facilitator(s) was respectful and not biased

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 18.2% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 27.3% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 54.5% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

Comment: (none)
Elementary-Middle School: (7 responses)

The group addressed the objectives of the conference

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 14.3% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 85.7% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The information was discussed in a clear and concise manner

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 42.9% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 57.1% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The content was relevant and useful

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 28.6% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 71.4% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The facilitator(s) was respectful and not biased

- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 100.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

Comments:

- It was nice to have a diverse group of parents, educators, and Deaf adults to discuss the needs of this population.
- The breakout was fantastic. All those attending were able to share experiences.
Middle School-High School: (6 responses)

The group addressed the objectives of the conference
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 100.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The information was discussed in a clear and concise manner
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 100.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The content was relevant and useful
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 100.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The facilitator(s) was respectful and not biased
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 100.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

Comments:
- We all had pretty much the same thoughts, ideas, and concerns!
- This was a nice format - and truly allowed for discussion and sharing of solutions.
- Paula and Kevin were the facilitators and they demonstrated great knowledge on transition for middle school/high school. I am looking forward to the positive changes and opportunities for our students.
Adults: (5 responses)

The group addressed the objectives of the conference
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 60.0% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 40.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The information was discussed in a clear and concise manner
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 60.0% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 40.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The content was relevant and useful
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 60.0% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 40.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

The facilitator(s) was respectful and not biased
- 0.0% survey respondent rated POOR
- 0.0% survey respondent rated BELOW AVERAGE
- 0.0% survey respondent rated AVERAGE
- 60.0% survey respondent rated GOOD
- 40.0% survey respondent rated EXCELLENT

Comments:
- We had a very good time discussing adult transition issues and covered a lot of valuable information.
- Adult section not as relevant to overall conference.
Q12: Please let us know what topic(s) you would like to see at future Working Together Conference... If you have any other feedback or suggestion; please share with us!

- Occupational challenges/opportunities for Deaf/HoH adults?
- Community;
- Literacy development for children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Babies
- The state should focus more on Deaf Education and provide more workshops on monthly basis for the parents/providers. Only NDHHS can offer that and they should be complimented.
- Focus on education of the deaf in NH
- HAT options and hands on training with the equipment.
- Maybe hosting a half day parent to parent group workshop that included kids to get parents feedback on what they need.
- Deafness and the Family...how to relate deafness and hard of hearing information, cultural references, etc. to hearing and deaf relatives...Bring people and families together....not hiding your hearing aids or that you sign...being proud of being deaf!!!! :)
- Youth leadership opportunities - development of self advocacy skills. Also TOD / HOH tips - things to think about for your child at various ages and stages (when working with your school team)
- updates on technology for deaf and hard of hearing students
- IEP Goal Development Teacher of the Deaf