



Poster Presentation

Oh, the Places They Could Go: Why Your Child Needs a Transition Plan

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Presenter Information

Megan Anderson is a 3rd year School Psychology Doctoral student at Mississippi State University. Megan is a graduate assistant for MSU's ACCESS program which is a comprehensive transitional program for adults with disabilities. Through this program, students can attend college alongside typical students while also taking courses with ACCESS staff and GA's that teach independent living and career development skills. Megan also works as a graduate clinician in MSU's Developmental Disabilities Clinic where she has given services to clients with CHARGE Syndrome. She has been a member of the Bulldog CHARGE Syndrome Research lab since 2016. This will be her 3rd CHARGE Syndrome conference to attend. She has presented on topics such as Advocacy in CHARGE Syndrome and Family Dynamics in CHARGE syndrome. Her current research interests are Sleep and Pain behaviors in CHARGE syndrome.

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Presentation Abstract

Transition plans are an important part of each students' Individualized Education Plan as they help students reach their potential to becoming as independent as possible as adults. When examining individualized education plans, it is often found that transition services are lacking or nonexistent. This presentation will not only explain the importance of transition plans for students with CHARGE, but also highlight important information parents need to know to appropriately advocate for their children when setting transition goals. Identifying goals that are appropriate, making sure those goals are measurable and making sure the goals help achieve a practical, positive outcome for students will be covered.