



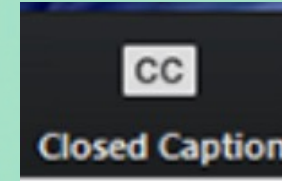
# **Transition Discoveries**

**Your Voice.  
Your Story.  
Your Future!**

**RAISE Webinar – April 15, 2024**

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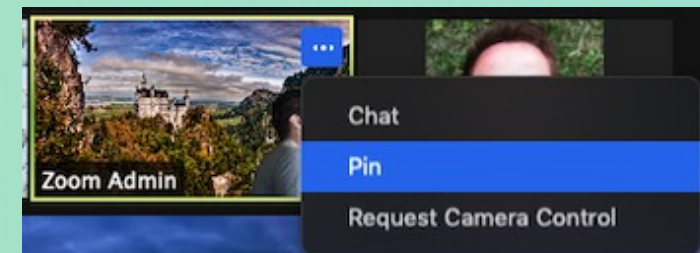
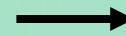
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# Welcome to our Transition Discoveries RAISE Webinar!

Let talk about...

Using Transition Discoveries cards to build authentic connections, which is at the heart of our mission.

Exploring the pivotal role of strong relationships in empowering families to support their youth through transition with confidence and resilience.

Prioritizing meaningful relationships and collaborative learning, breaking away from traditional, systems-driven models.

Learning how to use free Transition Discoveries resources and tools to increase the voices of youth and families to drive successful transition journeys.



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# Transition Discoveries: The WHY!

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We are a hub where like-minded people come together, thriving with a networked structure that moves away from traditional top-down models.

As connectors, facilitators, and collaborators, we believe in the power of collective experience, understanding that collaboration from many minds produces outcomes greater than any one person.

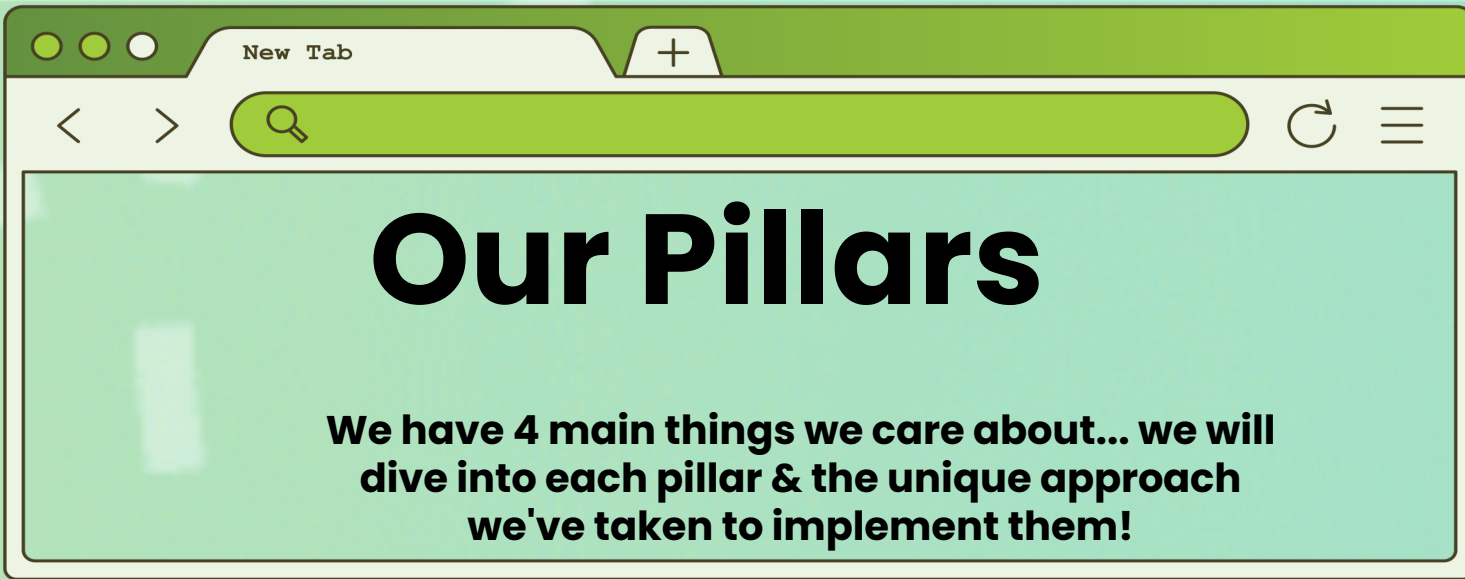
We foster a culture of co-creation, valuing every voice and perspective to enrich our shared vision. While we bring a wealth of experience, we don't label ourselves as "experts." Instead, we are lifelong learners, evolving to meet young people where they are, aiming not to lead but to walk alongside, empowering them to forge their unique paths!

# Strategic Partnerships

- Transition Discoveries is cultivating strategic partnerships to promote our framework into everyday work of youth, families, educators, agencies, and advocates.
- We have a Systems Change Guide to help facilitate higher levels of engagement of youth, families, and community into secondary transition practices.
- Transition Discoveries Implementation Model is in over 50 Local Education Agencies and has been adopted by the PA Bureau of Special Education.
- We are interested in partnering with Parent Information & Training Centers to engage in this important work...let's unpack our approach and also share the free resources available to everyone!

# Our Foundation & History

- Transition Discoveries is 10+ years of action research funded by the PA Developmental Disabilities Council.
- Collaboration is the foundation of all of our work! Everything you see on the website was developed by the community and our number of 200+ keeps growing!
- The Transition Discoveries research is based on “what does good transition look like, based upon the dreams and goals of youth and families”
- Our non-profit is not a part of a system, we feel that is important to the integrity of Transition Discoveries framework as you’ll see in this presentation. Let’s get started!





# Person Driven Planning

## KNOWING EACH PERSON:

When thinking about the future it is important that all plans accurately reflect the youth's personality, interest, experiences, and goals for the future. Every TD plan is personalized with vision boards and personalized plans and vision boards are all built by considering youth's **STRENGTHS**, experiences, interests and goals for the future.

# Person Driven Planning

## Ellen Coulston: Person-driven!

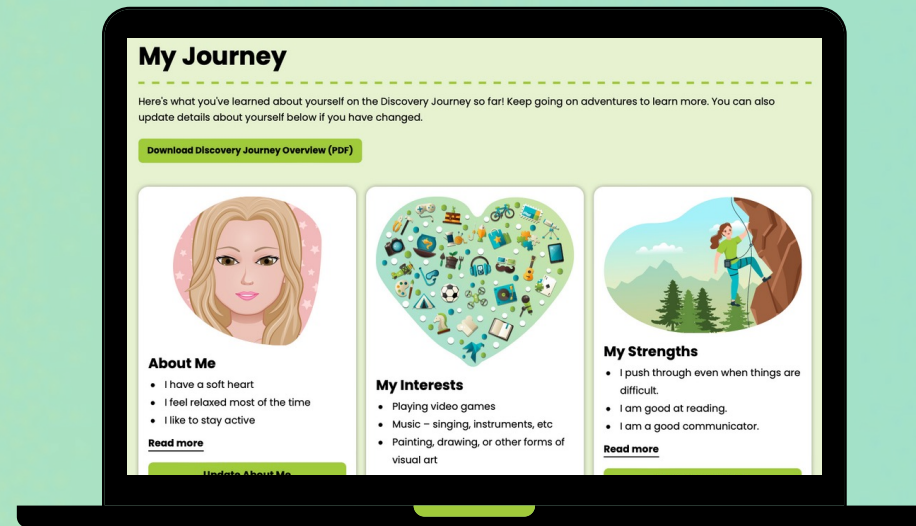
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## Meet Andre King!

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# Person Driven Planning

## The Discovery Journey



<https://transitiondiscoveries.org/discovery-board/>

# Adult Allyship & Relationship Building

We believe in teaching adult allies to play a vital role by offering support, encouragement, advocacy, and engaging youth in empowering conversations in ALL spaces. They also engage youth in critical conversations and activities that drive self-awareness and empowerment.



# Adult Allyship & Relationship Building

**"What is an adult ally?" Videos:**

<https://transitiondiscoveries.org/families/>

**Andre's Mom:**

[https://www.instagram.com/p/C2QGryzpSNy/?utm\\_source=ig\\_embed&utm\\_campaign=embed\\_video\\_watch\\_again](https://www.instagram.com/p/C2QGryzpSNy/?utm_source=ig_embed&utm_campaign=embed_video_watch_again)

# Adult Allyship & Relationship Building

<https://transitiondiscoveries.org/discovery-cards/>

## Discovery Cards for Adult Allies

Engage in meaningful conversation with your youth about their future plans. Click on a **Discovery Card** to get started!

### Utilizing Discovery Cards Video

Filter Cards

-- All Topics --

[Buy Discover Cards](#)



Discovery Cards: Engage in meaningful conversation with your youth about their future plans. Click on a Discovery Card to get started!

# Youth Voice

We believe that youth deserve to be the drivers of their future, so everything we do prioritizes their voices, ideas, and experiences. Nothing about them without them!

# Youth Voice

**MEET SOME OF OUR YOUTH & LEARN FROM THEIR STORIES**

## **Julia**

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## **Will**

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# Evidence Based

## We know what works.

Everything we do is based on years of collecting data from youth, families, and community members based on their needs and what is most important to them.



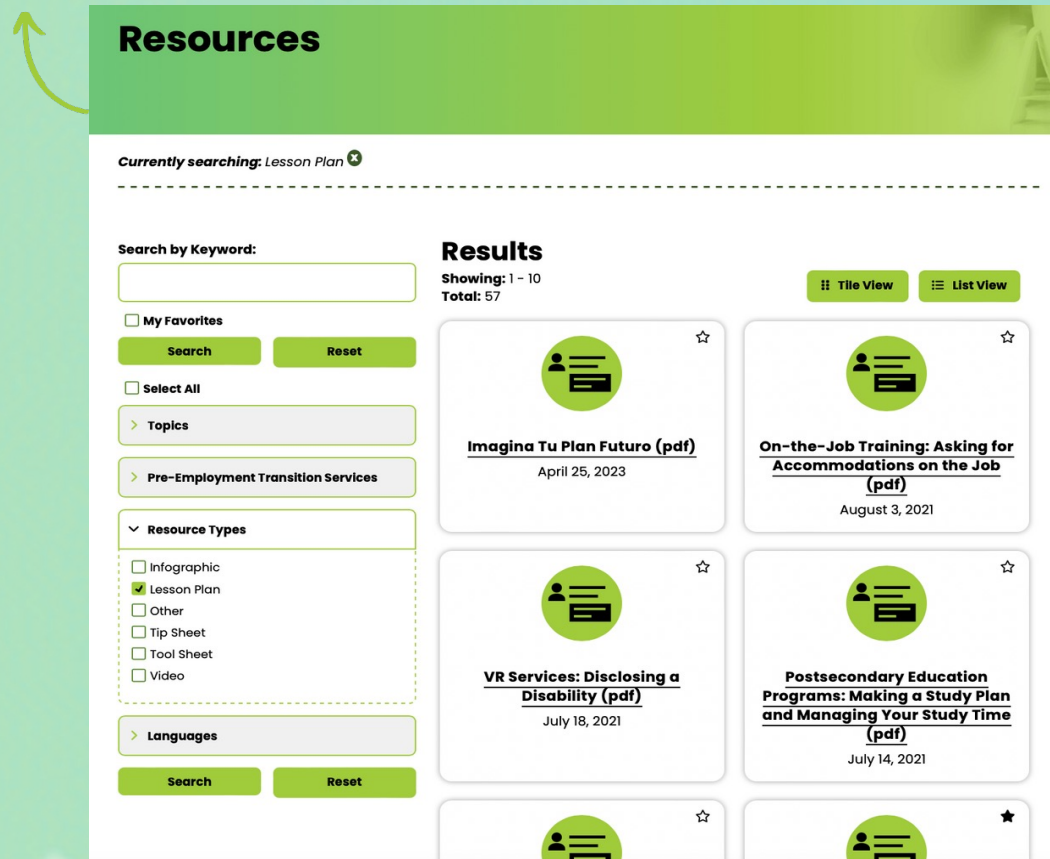
# Evidence Based

**TRANSITION DISCOVERIES is a strategic partner with the George Washington University, the hub of our research, our implementation model, and our pillars.**

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- We collected experiences from more than 500 youth with disabilities, their families and professionals
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- These 9 topics were identified as the most important factors leading to student success
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- We believe YOU are the experts in secondary transition!
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# Evidence Based

<https://transitiondiscoveries.org/resources/>



**Resources**

Currently searching: Lesson Plan

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August 3, 2021
-  **VR Services: Disclosing a Disability (pdf)**  
July 18, 2021
-  **Postsecondary Education Programs: Making a Study Plan and Managing Your Study Time (pdf)**  
July 14, 2021

**transitiondiscoveries.org**

**Create a free account to access all resources**

# We'd love to Partner with YOU!

- Would you love to join our Transition Discoveries community calls to learn how to use the many resources available to youth, families and community?
- Are you interested in joining the movement to to promote our framework into everyday work of youth, families, educators, agencies, and advocates?
- Are you excited about partnering to promote the four pillars of person-driving planning, adult allyship/relationship building, youth voice, and evidence-based practices?
- We are interested in partnering with Parent Information & Training Centers to engage in this important work...let's unpack our approach and also share the free resources available to everyone! Please feel free to contact any of our team members!

# Connect with Transition Discoveries!



**Join TD for our next Community Hub virtual call on May 1st!**

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

Connect to a network of like-minded individuals, share information, have meaningful conversation, and spend an hour building meaningful relationships!



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