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This 60 minute interactive module is designed for families (and educators) to learn about the transition planning process for youth who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). This narrated Power Point presentation includes parent videos to provide an overview of the laws and best practices to help families and schools work together to create purposeful and meaningful transition plans and IEPs.

Find additional transition related resources at nextsteps-nh.org
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Students at Risk

Traditional

Students

Graduated

Students

Students placed out of district

Students with IEPs

Include parents of:

Use multiple outreach methods: personal phone calls, mail, email, word of mouth, existing parent groups.

Choosing parents for FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

Benefits of FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

FIND RESOURCES HERE:
nhspecialed.org/ life-after-high-school