

What Does TIP Mean for Parents & Guardians?

You will be able to support the youth in a way that encourages increased independence, problem solving skills, and confidence, while fostering a continued commitment to the goal setting and achievement process.

Teenagers are adults in the making.

As young people approach adulthood, it's important to allow them the opportunity to begin making decisions for themselves. It is often difficult for parents/guardians to make this shift in thinking, especially if they have witnessed poor decision making by the youth in the past. As caregivers, it's important to keep in mind the ultimate goal - for the youth to be a happy, responsible, contributing member of the community. That requires good decision making skills, and now is the time to practice those skills while there is still a strong support network in place to catch them when they fall and to celebrate their successes!

Youth have the right to succeed as well as the right to fail.

There is no way to know what someone is capable of if you don't let them try. Sometimes they will get it right, and other times they won't. The point is that they tried and will hopefully learn something that will make them a success in the end.

The TIP system works to a young person's strengths.

Our challenge is to identify the youth's strengths and interests, and to apply those characteristics in working towards identified goals. Youth may or may not know what direction they want their lives to take, or what they want to be "when they grow up". We will work together to come up with a plan that uses each youth's strengths and interests to his or her advantage.

Transition to Independence Process

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The TIP Model focuses on youths' strengths, allowing them to practice life skills, and encourages youth empowerment. Not only will youth get to choose their own path - a path that will lead them where they want to go - but they will also gain confidence in themselves and their ability to direct their own future.

What are the Goals of the TIP Model?

To engage youth in the process of planning for his/her own future independence.

Youth will be encouraged to guide their treatment plans to include individual goals that they identify, and that meet their current needs and motivations.

To provide services that meet youth's needs in a way that is respectful, fun, and appealing.

Youth will be treated with respect, and their voices will be heard.

To encourage youth's family and other key players to support youth's efforts to gain self-sufficiency.

Youth will be supported by key players who provide input, feedback, and assistance in problem solving, goal setting, and skill building.

For questions about the Transition to Independence Process, please contact:

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