# **Outreach and Transition Service**

National Technical Institute for the Deaf A College of Rochester Institute of Technology

Outreach and Transition Service programs are designed for external audiences to enhance career opportunities for the deaf and hard-of-hearing as they prepare for life after high school:

#### Career Awareness Program

Day-and-a-half workshops for students, parents, and teachers. Goal is to enhance career awareness of deaf high school students through a variety of strategies, including a career fair and topics which will facilitate the transition from high school to postsecondary school or the world of work.

#### C-Print: Training to Use a Computer-Aided Speech-to-Print Support Service

C-Print is a computer-aided speech-to-print system that has been developed as a classroom support for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in mainstream educational environments. A typist, called the C-Print captionist, types the teacher's lecture and students' comments into a laptop computer. The typed information is simultaneously displayed on a second laptop computer or a television monitor for deaf and hard-of-hearing students to read during class. After class, the printed text is available for students to review.

One-week workshops are offered once or twice a year, with at least one of these workshops given in Rochester, NY in June or July. Most of the workshop participants have been secondary or postsecondary institutions.

# Explore Your Future

One-week transition education program conducted on the campus of RIT/NTID for deaf and hard-of-hearing students the summer before they enter their senior year of high school.

### Transition Education Outreach Project

Consultation to school administrators, teachers and counselors regarding transition issues and development of individualized educational plans for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. These sessions are designed to assist with programming for parents, students, and teachers.

Train the Trainer workshop or series of workshops assist middle, junior and senior high school teachers to offer transition programs at their own schools and in their own school district.

In-service training program for teachers and guidance counselors which assist them in the infusion of career awareness program across required curriculum.

Educational programs for parents which will assist them in the becoming active participants in the transition process. Development of new program for middle school students.

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