

REAL STORIES, REAL POSSIBILITIES

From College to Employment for Students
with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities



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WHAT IS THE OKIPSE ALLIANCE?

BACKGROUND:

OKIPSE Alliance is a partnership between:

- Oklahoma Rehabilitation Services
- Sooner SUCCESS



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OUR MISSION:

We are dedicated to ensuring that Oklahoma students with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the opportunity to achieve higher education and participate fully in campus life.

EDUCATE

ASSIST

ADVOCATE

COLLABORATE



WHAT IS IPSE?

For our Conversation today:

Inclusive Post Secondary Education or “IPSE” relates to students with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) attending college:

INCLUSIVE

Students have full access to the campus. Attending classes, living in dorms, participating fully.

POST-SECONDARY

Students have completed High School.

EDUCATION

Students are learning beyond academics. Education includes many facets.

NATIONAL OVERVIEW

DATA

- Over 350 college programs listed on the [Think College](#) website
- 3 college programs in Oklahoma for students with intellectual/developmental disabilities
- More are needed!

NATIONAL OVERVIEW

OUTCOME DATA

(After High School)

- 36.8% of individuals with a cognitive disability are employed. ⁽¹⁾
- 74% of students with IDD who completed IPSE programs have competitive employment. ⁽²⁾
- 83% of students reported they were happy or very happy with social life. ⁽²⁾

¹ Per 2022 Disability Statistics Annual Report – 2022 Cornell University; K. Lisa Yang and Hock E. Tan Institute on Employment and Disability. (Oklahoma Data)

² Grigal, M., Hart, D., Papay, C., Bukaty, C., Choiseul-Praslin, B., & Pound, S. (2024) Executive Summary of the Annual Report of the Cohort 3 TPSID Model Demonstration Projects (Year 3, 2022– 2023). Boston, MA: University of Massachusetts Boston, Institute for Community Inclusion.

OKLAHOMA IPSE - CTP DESIGNATED

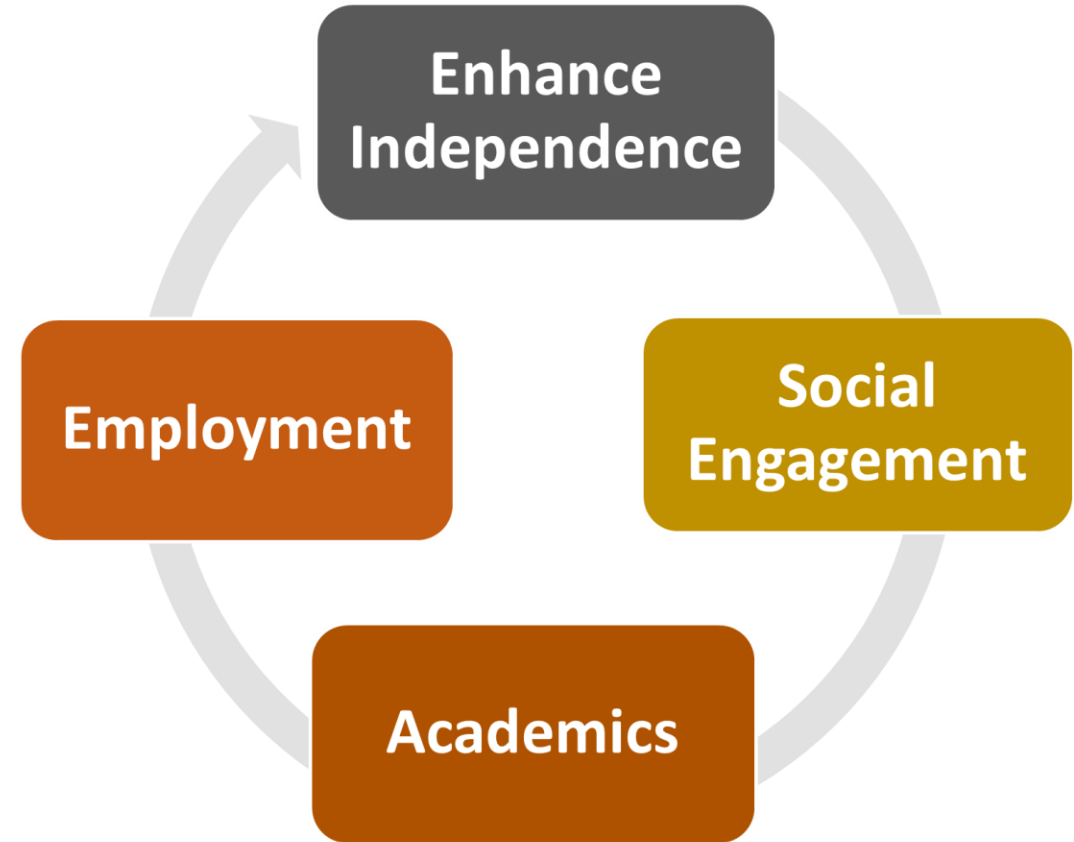
CTP: Comprehensive Transition and Post Secondary Program for students with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Northeastern State University:
RiverHawks Scholar Program (4-year certificate)

University of Oklahoma:
Sooner Works (4-year certificate)

Oklahoma State University:
Opportunity Orange Scholars (2-year certificate)

PERSON CENTERED PLANNING



PARTNERSHIPS



BRAIDED SUPPORT!

- Department of Rehabilitation Services/Vocational Rehabilitation
- Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board
- Oklahoma City Community Foundation
- Legislation
- Future: DDS!



PANEL DISCUSSIONS

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RESOURCES



www.okipsealliance.org

A promotional poster with a green and blue border. At the top is a logo with three wavy lines in blue, orange, and green. Below it, the text "Think Higher. Think College." is written in blue and green. The main message, "College is possible for students with intellectual disability.", is in bold blue text. Below this is a row of three small photographs: a woman reading in a library, two students walking outdoors, and a student with glasses using a laptop. The text "Visit www.ThinkHigherEd.net to learn more." is in green and blue. A QR code is at the bottom center. At the very bottom is the logo for the Inclusive Higher Education Network, which includes the text "IHEN INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION NETWORK" and "INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION, UMass Boston" in small print.

<https://thinkhighered.net/>



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