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TATRA Project Gives First Award for Excellence

PACER Center's TATRA Project (Technical Assistance on Transition and the Rehabilitation Act) has presented its first Award for Excellence in Transition-focused Parent Training. The winner, the New Hampshire Parent Information Center's "Life After High School Transition Tool Kit", was announced at the 2009 annual TATRA conference held recently at PACER Center in Bloomington, Minn. The winning resource can be viewed at www.pacer.org/tatra/2009Award.pdf

The award winning resource was developed by the New Hampshire Parent Information Center (PIC) in collaboration with NH State Department of Education. The publication can be downloaded at no cost and complements an online workshop, [Life After High School -- Transition Planning and the IEP](#), available on the [PIC web site](#).

"New Hampshire's Transition Toolkit reflects current transition research, is available in online and electronic formats, and promotes youth leadership and development," said Deborah Leuchovius, TATRA project director. "These were all elements we were looking for. Its ease of replication will be helpful to other states and parent centers who wish to adapt the tool kit to their own use."

The TATRA Project's new annual award seeks to identify and highlight promising transition tools developed by federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers, Community Parent Resource Centers, and parent training projects funded by the federal Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA).

The TATRA Project is funded by the RSA to provide technical assistance to parent information and training projects funded by RSA and to promote achievement in the areas of vocational rehabilitation, career development, and transition within the national network of parent centers funded by the federal Office of Special Education Programs.

PACER Center is a parent center for families of children and young adults with any disability. PACER provides individual assistance, workshops, publications, and other resources to help families make decisions about education and other services for their child or young adult with disabilities.

For more information on the "Tool Kit" contact Jennifer Cunha, Youth Initiatives Coordinator for The Parent Information Center of NH, at 603-224-7005 or 800-947-7005 (N.H. only). For more information on this award, call Deborah Leuchovius at 952-838-9000 or 952-838-0190 (TTY). In Greater Minnesota, call 800-537-2237 (toll free) or visit PACER.org/TATRA.