

CALL FOR ENTRIES!

Award for Excellence in Transition-focused Parent Training

PACER Center's TATRA (Technical Assistance on Transition and the Rehabilitation Act) Project is proud to announce a call for entries to the first Award for Excellence in Transition-focused Parent Training. This new annual award seeks to identify and highlight promising transition tools developed by OSEP-funded Parent Training and Information Centers, Community Parent Resource Centers, and RSA-funded parent training projects. Training sessions, workshops, curricula, research, and youth- and parent-friendly publications that can serve as national models may be submitted. Products should help youth with disabilities and their family members master key concepts or build skills that will help prepare them for a successful transition from school to adulthood in the areas of higher education, employment, independent living, community participation, health maintenance, or access to adult service systems.

SELECTION CRITERIA

A selection committee of parent trainers, researchers, and other transition stakeholders will consider the degree to which materials:

- reflect current research
- utilize innovative formats
- can be accessed online and downloaded at minimal or no cost
- are available in accessible formats
- can be replicated easily by others
- incorporate interactive activities reflective of adult learning
- model creative use of collaborations
- promote youth leadership and development
- contain an evaluation component

THE AWARD

The winning parent center will receive:

- an expense-paid opportunity for one staff member to attend the 2009 TATRA National Conference, March 26-27 in Minneapolis, Minn.
- the opportunity to share information on the award-winning materials at the 2009 TATRA National Conference
- promotion of the award-winning materials in nationally disseminated communications serving the disability community, including TATRA's Reference Points electronic bulletin service and newsletter

SUBMISSION INFORMATION Please e-mail an application letter with contact information and all relevant trainings, curricula, or other transition-focused publications to Deborah Leuchovius, TATRA Project Director, at tatra@PACER.org. **Deadline for submissions is Friday, Feb. 13, 2009.**

For more information on this inaugural award, please contact Deborah Leuchovius or Sean Roy at 952-838-9000.

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