## Thompson Policy Institute on Disability

North Orange County SELPA Community Advisory Committee
Parent Support Panel

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## Our Background

The Thompson Policy Institute on Disability (TPI) was developed in 2015 through a generous grant by the Thompson Family Foundation.

TPI quickly adopted three main focus areas, Practice, Policy and Research. The idea is that through quality research and practice, meaningful and trusted policy recommendations will result.

To focus our efforts, a year-long needs analysis was done in 2017, culminated in two emphases, Inclusive Schooling and Transition to Work and Adult Life.

#### What is the Thompson Policy Institute on Disability (TPI)?

#### **Mission**

The Thompson Policy Institute engages in technical assistance and research to improve the lives of people with disabilities and in doing so, improve life for all of society. We accomplish this by creating new knowledge and innovative solutions through our work and disseminating these findings through technical assistance and written reports to the field.

#### Thompson Policy Institute on Disability

# HERE TO BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE

#### RESEARCH

## Purposeful research on critical issues is developed to:

- Solve problems in disability to improve quality of life for all
- Reduce barriers for individuals, communities and agencies
- Educate stakeholders

#### **ACTION**

## Direct impact on the field is achieved through:

- Technical assistance
- Education and training
- Professional development
- Established partnerships and collaboration

#### **POLICY**

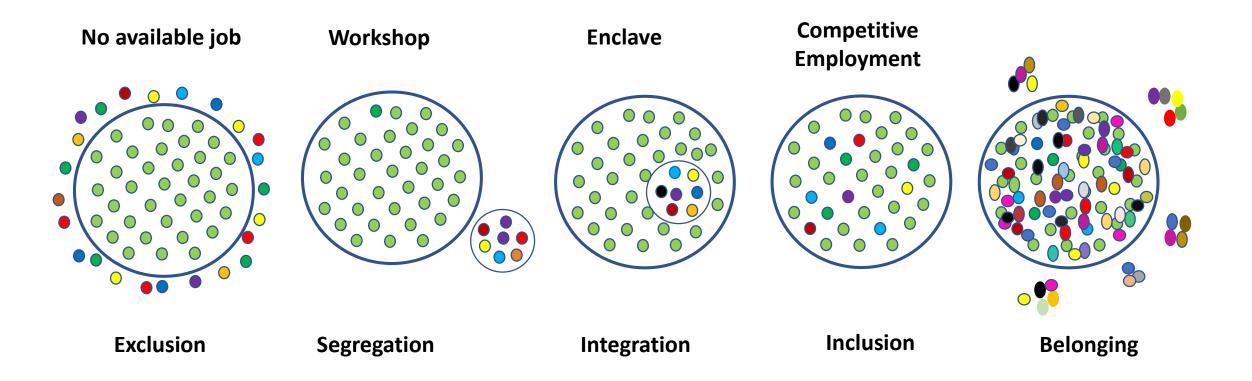
## Meaningful and lasting policy improvements are cultivated through:

- Focused research
- Community partnerships
- Policy recommendations
- Advocacy



#### ...enviable lives

-Dr. Ann Turnbull

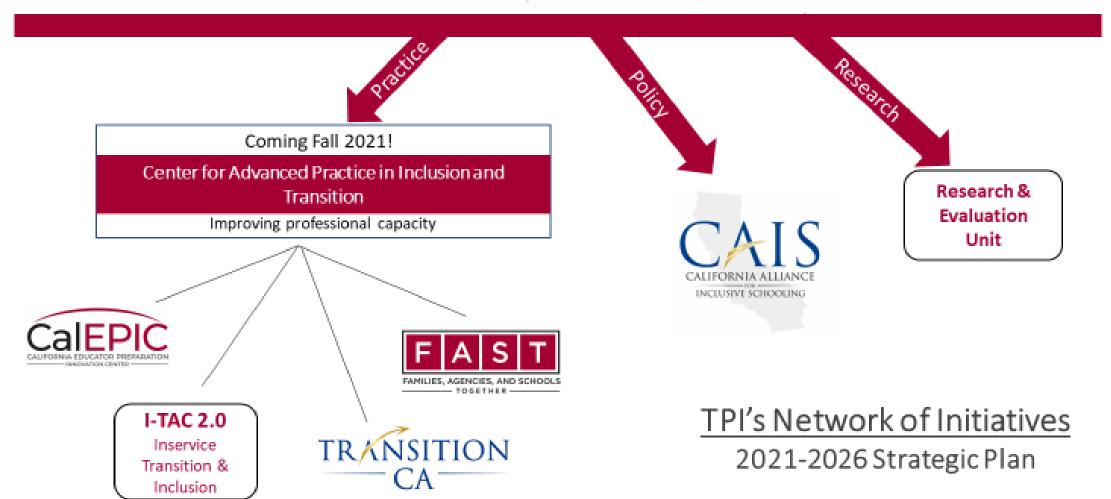


Erik Carter (2020) Keynote, Thompson Center Autism Conference





## Thompson Policy Institute on Disability



#### THOMPSON AUTISM CENTER





FAMILIES, AGENCIES, AND SCHOOLS

TOGETHER



### Why FAST?



- There is an inordinate amount of money being spent on litigations between schools and families in Orange County.
- Due to lawsuits, relationships between schools and families are becoming more contentious.
- FAST was designed to offer unbiased support to both schools and families prior to the relationship becoming more contentious.

Parents

Educate/ Medical providers

Train Schools

School psych graduate students

Support

Consultation

One time or Multiple family Interactions

Team interaction with family and school

Increase collaboration between school, family and medical provider

Transition Brograming

Transition Programing

Social Skills Groups\* only at TACC

Educational Assessment Cognitive

Academic

Social-Emotional

Behavioral

\*Only at CAND currently

# FAST Three Main Components



#### Support

- Parents/ caregivers
  - Training
  - ❖ Navigating IEP's
  - Consultation
  - Participation in IEP's
  - Provide Resources
  - ❖ Social Skills groups \*only at TACC
  - Educational Assessment\* only at CAND
- Medical providers
  - Training
  - Consultation
  - Educational Assessment\* only at CAND
- School personnel
  - Training
  - Consultation
  - ❖ Participation in IEP's
  - Educational Assessment\* only at CAND

# Regional Center of Orange County Education and Training



Monthly education consultation services



New hire trainings for all staff and quarterly training sessions to all staff



Meetings with SELPA and Special Education Directors



Quarterly education seminars for persons served by RCOC and their families





A focus on transition to quality adult life
TransitionCa.org





A focus on preparing future educators

<u>CalEPIC.org</u>

## TPI's 3 Newest Initiatives!

A Statewide Focus with National Influence

## Active Education Webinar Series

Sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



## Twelve webinars in response to COVID 19 with over 1000 participants from 30 counties in California

Differentiating Instruction for P-3 Learners (2 webinars)	Using Tech Tools to Universally Design Distance Learning	
CalTPA Guidance for Candidates and Programs during COVID-19	Culturally and Linguistically Relevant Social-Emotional and Behavioral Instruction	
Differentiating Instruction for P-3 Learners	Culturally and Linguistically Relevant Academic Instruction	
Differentiating Instruction for 4 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Learners (2 webinars)	Building Community Through Restorative Practices	
CA MTSS - Meeting the Needs of the Whole Child	Collaborating with Students in Instruction: Harnessing the Power of the Untapped Resource	
What the Heck is UDL?		















TPI's Transition Initiatives

Transition from School to Quality Adult Life

#### Transition Initiatives: Direct Training







3,474

6,280

148

**Direct Training to Service Providers and Families** 

Individuals with Disabilities, Families, and Professionals Served

Trainings and Support Directly to Individuals with Disabilities

#### **March 2020 – February 2021**

**Collaborative Partners:** National Technical Assistance Center (NTACT). Workforce Innovations Technical Assistance Center (WINTAC), CA Department of Education, Club 21, CA Department of Rehabilitation, Regional Center of Orange County, Alhambra Unified School District, CA Transition Alliance, Autism Society of America, CA Workforce Association



The purpose is to provide transition planning & employment related information & resources to stakeholders including:

- >Individuals with Disabilities
- **→** Families
- ➤ Service Providers
- **≻**Educators
- **≻**Business Partners





#### Resources for COVID-19







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#### Thank you for having us!

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