

SNAPSHOT

HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN THE UNITED STATES



271

HIGHER EDUCATION

49 STATES



31 STATES
HAVE RECEIVED TPSID
GRANTS (2010-2020)

95 CTPs in 30 states

19 STATES

have policy or legislation on inclusive higher education



28 STATES

have state or regional coordination



Higher education options for students with intellectual disability (ID) have grown due to changes in federal funding, access to Title IV aid, as well as state legislation and leadership. The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA, 2008) created model demonstration programs, called Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TPSIDs). Five-year grants were awarded to institutions of higher education for 2010- 2015 and 2015-2020 to develop TPSID programs. The HEOA also created a new designation – Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) program – that allows approved IHEs to offer specific kinds of federal student aid to qualified students with ID. Additionally, growing numbers of states are conducting strategic planning via statewide consortiums and passing legislation to support development and implementation of higher education options. This Think College SNAPSHOT provides a summary of these markers of systems change supporting higher education access for students with ID in the United States.

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State	Number of programs	Number of TPSID grantees cohort 1	Number of TPSID grantees cohort 2	Number of CTPs	Policy or legislative activity?	State or regional coordination?
Alabama	6	0	3	2	No	Yes
Alaska	1	1	0	0	No	No
Arizona	2	1	0	0	No	No
Arkansas	4	0	0	4	No	No
California	15	3	1	5	Yes	Yes
Colorado	4	1	1	2	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	4	0	0	0	No	Yes
Delaware	1	1	0	1	Yes	No
Florida	17	1	1	8	Yes	Yes
Georgia	9	0	1	6	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	1	1	1	0	No	Yes
Idaho	1	0	0	0	No	Yes
Illinois	12	0	0	5	No	No
Indiana	5	1	0	0	No	Yes
Iowa	4	1	0	1	No	No
Kansas	2	0	1	1	No	No
Kentucky	2	1	0	2	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	5	1	0	3	No	Yes
Maine	1	0	0	0	No	No
Maryland	15	0	0	0	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	16	0	0	0	Yes	Yes
Michigan	5	0	0	0	No	Yes
Minnesota	4	1	0	3	Yes	No
Mississippi	1	0	0	1	No	Yes
Missouri	4	0	1	4	No	Yes
Montana	2	0	0	0	No	No
Nebraska	1	0	0	0	No	Yes
Nevada	2	0	0	2	No	Yes
New Hampshire	1	0	0	0	No	Yes
New Jersey	6	2	1	2	No	No
New Mexico	2	0	0	0	No	No
New York	32	1	2	6	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	15	1	1	3	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	1	1	1	0	No	No
Ohio	9	2	1	5	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	2	0	0	0	Yes	Yes
Oregon	2	0	1	1	No	Yes
Pennsylvania	12	0	1	8	No	Yes
Rhode Island	3	0	1	1	Yes	No
South Carolina	5	1	0	5	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	1	0	0	1	No	No
Tennessee	5	1	3	5	Yes	Yes
Texas	11	1	0	0	Yes	No
Utah	2	0	1	1	No	No
Vermont	3	1	0	0	Yes	No
Virginia	3	1	0	2	No	No
Washington	4	1	2	4	Yes	No
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	No	No
Wisconsin	5	0	0	1	No	No
Wyoming	1	0	0	0	No	Yes
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TOTAL	(in 49 states)	(in 23 states)	(in 19 states)	(in 30 states)	19	28