National Capacity Building Institute

When: March 2nd and 3rd, 2005
Where: Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu,
Hawai’i
Cost: The Institute is free to participants.
Registration is required.

Enhancing Transition to Postsecondary Education
and Employment for Youth with Disabilities through
Culturally Relevant Supports, Services, and Education

Multiple Identities/Multiple Strengths

In conjunction with the 21st Annual Pacific Rim Conference
on Disabilities, Feb. 28 - March 1:
http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu

Sponsored by the National Center on Secondary Education
and Transition (NCSET), University of Minnesota and
University of Hawaii at Manoa; the National Technical
Assistance Center for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
(NTAC-AAPI), and the Office of Student Equity, Excellence,
and Diversity (SEED) at the University of Hawai’i at Manoa.
This CBI will critically explore the successful preparation for and transition to postsecondary education and employment for youth with disabilities in the context of cultural and linguistic diversity. Speakers will offer suggestions for practices that create or strengthen culturally relevant support services, educational environments, assessment tools, and community/family partnerships. Presentations, workshops, and roundtable discussions will cover:

- Specific strategies for identifying and transforming hidden biases that undermine full access and success for youth with disabilities in education, transition, and employment.
- Professional development information, training, and resources for educators, support professionals, and employers.
- Empowering and supporting students, family members, and community members to participate in the transition process.
- Understanding the over representation in special education / under representation in gifted/talented programs of students from diverse backgrounds and how this effects the transition process.
- Ensuring improvements in professional development for persons working with youth with disabilities in secondary and postsecondary education settings.

Invited Speakers

Kathy Martinez, Associate Director of the World Institute on Disability; Herb Grossman, educator and author of *Ending Discrimination in Special Education*; Bea Awoyiyi, Director of Disability Resources, Iowa State University; Dorothy Garrison-Wade, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado at Denver; Ming-huei Lam, Coordinator Minority Student Recruitment and Retention, Iowa State University; and Rodney Pennamon, Director of Disability Services, Georgia State University.

Who Should Attend

Secondary and post-secondary educators, disability support services personnel, students with disabilities, parents, community leaders, transition specialists, rehabilitation counselors, researchers, and other persons interested in educational and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Agenda

Includes pre-Institute readings and online discussion, presentations by national and regional experts and leaders in the field, interactive workshops and round-table discussions, and post-Institute follow-up.