# FACTS Program Curriculum Adoption Update

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# Purpose/Objectives

This presentation will give an overview of the background, process, and recommendations for the Post-Secondary Foothill Area Community **Transition Services** (FACTS) curriculum.





# Background

- FACTS classes consist of 80 students with diverse and broad spectrum of needs from age 18-22.
- Teachers have been using a variety of resources to support students.
- FACTS is a community based program that focuses on functional skills.
- Special Education staff agreed that a viable curriculum focusing on functional/transitional skills for adults was most appropriate.



#### **Process**

- July 2020: the FACTS team met with the Special Education Department to discuss the process of curriculum review.
- September 2020: a rubric was developed by teachers and the following curriculum were reviewed:
  - N2Y Total Solutions; TeachTown Transition to Adulthood; and Education Associates – Job Ready, Life Ready.
- September December 2020: The FACTS teachers reviewed all the curriculum programs and unanimously chose the TeachTown curriculum.
- January 2021: Teachers unanimously selected TeachTown –
  Transition to Adulthood Curriculum
  - Evidence Based Practices identified by the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum (NPDC) and the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT).



## **TeachTown – Transition to Adulthood**

#### **5 Learning Domains**

- Personal living skills
- Home skills
- Community skills
- Vocational skills
- Leisure skills

#### **Program Features**

- Point of View Modeling
- Teacher delivered lessons
- Computer based lessons
- Task analysis
- Visuals supports
- Data collection
- Video: <u>TeachTown Transition to Adulthood Overview</u>



### **TeachTown Recommendation**

- Is composed of a variety of topics and learning areas specific to adult transition and accessible through different learning modalities.
- Features ongoing data collection and the ability to link to IEP goals for data analysis, goal development and lesson planning.
- Efficiently accessible in Distance Learning environment and in the physical community/classroom environment.
- Parents are encouraged to view the TeachTown overview video (on special education website) and share thoughts before final adoption on February 16.
  - Video: <u>TeachTown Transition to Adulthood Overview</u>



# **Questions?**