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What creates a sustainable inclusive postsecondary education program?

This question should lead the development of your program.

Sustainability of any initiative requires commitment of more than just a few individuals. In pondering commitment of more than just a few individuals, I often think of Malcom Gladwell, who offers us some insight in his book *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Make a Big Difference* (2006). Gladwell contends that change within a culture or organization occurs when we reach 51% of its members. The vignettes that he describes, help one to understand that it is through the small details that others begin to become acculturated with our way of thinking.

Applying this to our initiatives, it seems that in order to INCLUDE individuals with intellectual disability on the typical college campus in a manner that does not shout "different than", we need to think about asking the right questions. Questions such as: What are the ways and means that other students access this service on campus? In what way can we provide natural support for a student within the initiative? In what ways do we recognize a student's strengths and interests in selecting academic courses? What experiences on campus or within the community will enhance learning?

Program development begins with the end in mind. Sustainability and inclusivity should be at the forefront of your thinking. How is your campus faring in reaching the 51% mark that embrace the full inclusivity that you envision?

Ann Marie Licata, Ph.D., Director

"Postsecondary education is a most important key to shaping a new reality for people with disabilities. It has the exciting potential to create a future based not on low expectations, the can't's and shouldn't, but on the high expectations of productivity and personal and economic freedom"
Madeline Will

WHAT IS HAPPENING

- ["Register for ThinkCollege Spring Webinars at : https://thinkcollege.net/tc-events-upcoming?field_event_cat_categories_tid=203"](https://thinkcollege.net/tc-events-upcoming?field_event_cat_categories_tid=203)
- [2018-2019 PA Community on Transition Webinar Series – Planning for the LifeCourse on February 6, 2019 and April 1, 2019](#)
- [Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity will be held on March 4-5, 2019 at Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.](#)
- [Registration is now open for Pennsylvania Inclusive Higher Education Consortium's Spring 2019 Symposium: Inclusive College Experiences in PA: Imagine the possibilities that will be held on March 30, 2019 at Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh/Cranberry.](#)
- [Save the Date April 8-10, 2019 Disability Policy Seminar that will be held at Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

There are two new journal articles written by Think College team members?

["Predictors of Inclusive Course Enrollments in Higher Education by Students With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,"](#)

and

["The Promise of Postsecondary Education Students With Intellectual Disability."](#)

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