



# Promoting & Supporting Authentic Inclusive Postsecondary Education

- college experiences for students with intellectual disability



## Programs are typically

- ▶ 2 or 4 years in length
- ▶ Audited courses
- ▶ Certificates of completion awarded
- ▶ Ages 18 – 26



## How to finance an inclusive college experience:

- ▶ Waiver funding
- ▶ OVR
- ▶ 529B college account savings
- ▶ ABLE Act savings
- ▶ Pell Grants *(if applicable)*
- ▶ Private scholarships
- ▶ Work-study or part-time jobs
- ▶ Loans
- ▶ School District *(through dual enrollment)*



## Residential Living

Colleges vary in what they offer including:

- ▶ Living in residence hall with peers
- ▶ Living off campus in University owned housing
- ▶ Living off campus in alternate housing
- ▶ No housing offered



## Programs aligned with ThinkCollege standards focus on:

1. Academic Access
2. Career Development
3. Campus Membership
4. Self-Determination



## INCLUSIVITY measures

The most INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS are embedded within the existing college departments and systems. They are not separate from the University's policies and procedures. A good question to ask is: "**How is this done for other college students on this campus?**".

More information can be found at [pihec.com](http://pihec.com).

## Starting the College Search

ThinkCollege suggests the following:



**Set up a phone call**  
to ask questions.



**Schedule a college visit**  
to see the campus and meet the staff, faculty, and students.



**Visit the disability services office**  
to see how involved that office is with the program.



**Connect with alumni and their families**  
to learn about their experiences at college and what they're doing now.

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## Program Sizes Vary



PROGRAMS within the Consortium range in their definition of inclusion and practice from **100% inclusion** to **<50% inclusive**.

ASK if students are segregated from peers. If so, how or why?



PROGRAMS that are considered Comprehensive Transition Programs (CTPs) **MUST be at least 51% inclusive**.



CTPs allow for access to federal funding sources such as the Pell Grant.