The Student: Find the right fit

- Four year school
- Two year associates
- Vocational/Technical transfer
- Skills based programs PACE [http://www.nl.edu/pace/](http://www.nl.edu/pace/)
- College Internship Program [http://www.collegeinternshipprogram.com](http://www.collegeinternshipprogram.com)
- Family Care Ombudsman program, Madison 800-928-8778
- Age (work or wait a while)
- Not a race
- What happens if the fit isn’t right?
The Student: Not the Right Fit

• 2014-2015 Tuition (doesn’t include housing or meals)
  • UW-Madison $10,424
  • UW-Whitewater $7,600
  • UW-Rock County $2,554
  • Madison college $3,914

• 2014-2015 Vacation Rates
  • Milwaukee to Hawaii flight and five star hotel for five nights from $1,215
The Student: Start Planning Early

- Visit colleges JR in HS
- Change focus from advocate to independence
- Allow failure/natural consequences for growth
- Update documentation
- Work experience
- Cost to fail; HS vs. College
The Student: Supportive Services

- The Boy Scout motto: Be Prepared!
- DVR/DORS
- SSI/SSDI
- socialsecurity.gov
- Mental Health
- Meds
- Supportive programs at college (more later on that)
The Student: Informational Meeting or Intake at College

- What I include
- What is not on my intake
- The make or break items
- What to work on

- To Do list
“I play video games because I set goal on game and feel good about myself.”

- Stress reduction
- Self monitor
- Use your powers for good not ..(avoidance of homework stress).
- Your mom doesn’t live in our residence halls
The Parent: Realistic Examples

- Won’t know grades or attendance
- The student will need to seek out help
- The student is responsible for turning in work without reminders
- Same academic requirements as other students
- Small % can lie, fib, fabricate or selectively disclose—take that into consideration when choosing the right fit
- College does not fix everything

- When asked, staff can help with most anything
- When asked *promptly* staff can help most anything better
- Programs available including Project ASSIST, Summer Transition Program
- If fit is not good, will help with transition plan
The Parent: Student’s Social Life

- Social needs
- Single room
- Student organizations later
- thinkgeek.com
Disability Services Coordinator

- One person who ‘gets it’
- Can help with most anything
- Can communicate with student effectively
- Educates on unwritten rules
Supportive Programming

• The black hole...

• Project ASSIST
• Organizational tutors
• Content, writing, drop in
• Summer Transition Program
• Tutorial Center
Summary

• Find a good fit
• Start planning early
• Allow natural consequences
• Update documentation
• Set up supportive services

• Be realistic, learn limitations & assets
• Know social needs are different
• Find one person who ‘gets it’ and you can connect with.
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