## Case Study: Eileen

## A. Case Background

Name: Eileen
Age: 17
Disability category: Learning disability
Race/ethnicity: White
Pertinent family characteristics:

- Lives with mother and father
- Mother and father do not have college degrees

Likely employment/further education settings: College
Likely living arrangements: Dormitory

## B. Key Features of the Case

The following statements are provided to assist the reader in understanding the key features and context of this case:

- Eileen is a first-generation college student.
- Higher education is an appropriate setting for her.
- She will benefit from the use of various natural and provided supports in college and, later, in her job.
- She will need to obtain financial support to attend college-this transition need relates more to the family in general.
- Her parents completed a Home Preferences and Interests Form. This form, when completed, provides school-based personnel with a feel for how Eileen's parents are looking at the transition of their daughter.
- The primary transition planning areas needing further assessment and specific planning are

Functional Communication: reading and writing
Further Education/Training: study skills

## C. Scenario

Eileen is a 17 -year-old student with learning-related problems. At different times, she has been diagnosed with a learning disability, dyslexia, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Her school experience has been difficult and can be characterized as full of inconsistencies and frustration. At times, her behavior has been interpreted as laziness and carelessness by her teachers.

Eileen wants to attend college away from home. She is very interested in living in a dorm and getting into the college lifestyle. College is a realistic option for her because she is prepared for the content demands of higher education and has taken the coursework required for entry into college. Her parents did not attend college, so the process of selecting, applying, and getting
ready for college is a new experience for the entire family. Financial support will be necessary for Eileen and her family.

Eileen does not have major difficulties in the area of daily living skills. She is very competent in a wide range of skills needed to perform everyday duties around the house. She has a driver's license and will have a car when she graduates. However, she does encounter problems with money management.

Eileen has had particular difficulty in reading. She has to devote extra time to reading narrative and expository material because she has to use various strategies to extract key meaning from these types of textual material. Her writing skills are not strong. She has difficulty organizing her thoughts and ideas when she has to write a theme-based or issue paper. She is much better at writing factual and technical assignments.

In addition, Eileen encounters problems in the areas of note taking, test taking, time management, and organizational skills. Foreign language learning was extremely difficult for her in high school. These factors have contributed to self-esteem problems during the latter years of high school.

Eileen has wonderful verbal skills and does well in any setting where verbal interaction is involved. Her creativity has been reflected in the elaborate coping strategies she has developed to deal with situations that are problematic for her. She has found comfort and fulfillment by participating in drama, where she has been able to increase her verbal skills and confidence.

## D. Profile and Further Assessment Recommendations Form

## Transition Planning Inventory-Third Edition

TPI-3
Profile and Further Assessment Recommendations Form

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## Section 1. General Information

| Student's Name Eileen |  |  | F 区 |  | 17 | Date Profile Completed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Birth Date |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| School |  |  |  |  |  | Projected Graduation Year |
| Person(s) Completing School |  |  |  | Person | Com | me Form |

## Section 2. Likely Settings for Postsecondary Outcomes

This section should be based on information obtained from the three rating forms. Retrieve the responses from Section 2 of each of the individual forms, and write the response in the spaces below.

| EMPLOYMENT/FURTHER EDUCATION ORTRAINING | LIVING ARRANGEMENT |
| :---: | :---: |
| School: higher education | School: dorm |
| Home: higher education | Home: dorm |
| Student: higher education | Student: dorm |

## Section 3. Student's Preferences, Interests, and Strengths

This section should be based on information derived from the Student Preferences and Interests Form, the Home Preferences and Interests Form, or any other instrument that provides information on preferences, interests, and strengths related to working, future learning, and living.
Participates in drama

Wants to major in theater arts in college

## Section 4. Results of Other Assessments

This section should document results on any current (within 1 year or longer, if relevant) assessments that would promote better transition planning. Assessments may include information/data on employment skills, functional life skills, adaptive behavior, social/emotional/behavioral needs, academic achievement, or other transition-related areas.
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Figure 1. TPI-3 Profile and Further Assessment Recommendations Form completed for Eileen.

## Section 5. Profile

 Directions: This section should be based on ratings obtained on the individual rating forms.Retrieve the responses from Section 3 of each of the individual forms, and record the ratings. Planning Areas
CAREER CHOICE AND PLANNING

| School Rating | Home Rating |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{c}\text { Strongly } \\ \text { Disagree }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Strongly } \\ \text { Agree }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Strongly } \\ \text { Disagree }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Strongly } \\ \text { Agree }\end{array}$ |







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| :--- | :--- | Items 11 and 12 are areas of concern in

IEP planning.





| NA | 0 | 1 | $(2)$ | 3 | 4 | 5 | DK |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NA | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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## Section 6. Further Assessment and Information

Directions: Use this page to indicate any further assessments that need to be conducted to obtain more detailed information in regard to a specific transition domain. In the "Further Assessment Technique(s)" column, indicate the "informal" measures and/or "formal" instruments that will be used. In the "Results From the Assessment(s)" column, provide a brief summary of the results after the additional assessment activities have been performed.
Informal: Any type of informal technique that provides useful information, including forms in Informal Assessments for Transition Planning-Second Edition, other forms and inventories, observations, interviews, checklists/rating scales, and teacher-constructed devices.
Formal: Appropriate standardized and commercially available instruments.

| Transition Domains | Further Assessment Technique(s) Informal and Formal Activities | Results From the Assessment(s) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Career Choice and Planning | Level 2: $1 \begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4\end{array}$ Informal/Formal |  |
| Employment Knowledge and Skills | Level 2: $\begin{array}{llllll}5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9\end{array}$ Informal/Formal |  |
| Postsecondary Education/Training | Level 2: 10 (11) (12) 13 Informal/Formal Study and Learning Skills Inventory | Level 2 results and Study and Learning Skills Inventory indicate need for instructional goals on IEP. |
| Functional Communication | Level 2: 14 15 (16)(17) Informal/Formal Reading Preferences and Challenges-College Version | Level 2 results confirm need for instructional goals for reading and writing. |
| Self-Determination | Level 2: 18 19 Informal/Formal |  |
| Independent Living | $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Level 2: } & 26 & 27 & 28 & 29 & 30 & 31\end{array}$ Informal/Formal |  |
| Personal Money Management | Level 2: $\begin{array}{llll}32 & 33 & 34 & (35)\end{array}$ Informal/Formal | Level 2 results indicate an instructional goal for budgeting and money management. |
| Community Involvement and Usage | $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Level 2: } & 36 & 37 & 38 & 39 & 40 & 41\end{array}$ Informal/Formal |  |
| Leisure and Recreation | Level 2: $42 \quad 43 \quad 44 \quad 45$ Informal/Formal |  |
| Health | Level 2: $46 \quad 47 \quad 48 \quad 49 \quad 50$ Informal/Formal |  |
| Social/Interpersonal Relationships | $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { Level 2: } & 51 & 52 & 53 & 54 & 55 & 56 & 57\end{array}$ Informal/Formal |  |

Figure 1. (continued)

## E. Additional Assessments




Figure 2. (continued)

Name: Eileen
Date:
Completed by: $\qquad$

## 21. Study and Learning Skills Inventory

DIRECTIONS: Rate each item using the scale provided. Base the rating on current study and learning skills.
SCALE: $0=$ Not Proficient $\quad 1=$ Partially Proficient $\quad 2=$ Proficient $\quad 3=$ Highly Proficient

READING RATE

| Skims | 0 | (1) |  | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scans | 0 | (1) |  | 3 |
| Reads at rapid rate | (0) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Reads at normal rate | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Reads at steady or careful rate | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Understands the importance of reading | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| LISTENING |  |  |  |  |
| Attends to listening activities | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Applies meaning to verbal messages | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Filters out auditory distractions | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Comprehends verbal messages | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Understands importance of listening skills | 0 | 1 |  | 3 |

## GRAPHIC AIDS

| Attends to relevant elements in visual |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| materials | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Uses visuals appropriately in presentations | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Develops own graphic material | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Is not confused or distracted by visual |  |  |  |  |
| material in presentations | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Understands importance of visual material | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| LI BRARY USA GE |  |  |  |  |
| Uses cataloging system (card or     <br> computerized) effectively 0 1 (2) 3 <br> Can locate library materials 0 1 (2) 3 <br> Understands organizational layout of library 0 1 (2) 3 <br> Understands and uses services of media     <br> specialist 0 1 2 3 |  |  |  |  |


| Understands overall functions and purposes <br> of a library | 0 | 1 | (2) 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Understands importance of library |  |  |  |
| usage skills | 0 | 1 | (2) 3 |

## REFERENCE MATERIALS

| Can identify components of different <br> reference materials | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Uses guide words appropriately | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Consults reference materials when |  |  |  |  |
| necessary | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |


| Uses materials appropriately to |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| complete assignments | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Can identify different types of reference |  |  |  |  |
| materials and sources | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Understands importance of reference |  |  |  |  |
| materials | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |

TEST TAKING

| Stud | (0) | 2 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spends appropriate amount of time |  |  |  |
| Avoids cramming for tests | (0) | 2 | 3 |
| Organizes narrative responses appropriate | (0) | 2 | 3 |
| Reads and understands directions before answering questions |  |  |  |
| Proofreads responses and checks for errors 0 (1) 2 |  |  |  |
| Identifies and uses clue words in questions (0) 1223 |  |  |  |
| Properly records answers |  |  |  |
| Saves difficult items for last 0 (1) |  |  |  |
| Eliminates obvious wrong answers 0 |  |  |  |

Systematically reviews completed tests
to determine test-taking or test-

| studying errors | (0) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Corrects previous test-taking errors | (0) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Understands importance of test-taking skills | 0 | 1 | 2 | (3) |

## 21. Study and Learning Skills Inventory (continued)

## NOTE TAKING AND OUTLINING

| Uses headings (and subheadings) <br> appropriately | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Takes brief and clear notes | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| Records essential information | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| Uses outlining to organize writing | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| Takes notes while listening to lectures | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| Develops organized outlines | (0) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Follows consistent note-taking format | (0) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Understands importance of note taking | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Understands importance of outlining | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |

## REPORT WRITING

| Organizes thoughts in writing | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Completes written report from outline | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| Includes only necessary information | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| Uses proper sentence structure | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| Uses proper punctuation | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Uses proper grammar and spelling | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Proofreads written assignments | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Provides clear introductory statements | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Includes clear concluding statements | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Understands the importance of | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

| Freely participates in oral presentations | 0 | 1 | 2 | (3) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Organizes presentations well | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Uses gestures appropriately | 0 | 1 | 2 | (3) |
| Speaks clearly | 0 | 1 | 2 | (3) |
| Uses proper language when reporting orally | 0 | 1 | 2 | (3) |
| Understands importance of oral reporting | 0 | 1 | 2 | (3) |

## TIME MANAGEMENT

Completes tasks on time $\quad 0$ (1) 23 Plans and organizes daily activities and responsibilities effectively
(0) 123

| Plans and organizes weekly and monthly <br> schedules | (0) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reorganizes priorities when necessary | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Meets scheduled deadlines | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |

Accurately perceives the amount of time
required to complete tasks 0 (1) 23
Adjusts the time allotment to complete tasks 0 (1) 23

Accepts responsibility for managing
own time $0 \quad 1$ (2) 3
Understands the importance of effective

time management 01 |  | (2) 3 |
| :--- | :--- |

SELF-MANAGEMENT

| Monitors own behavior | 0 | $(1)$ | 2 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Changes own behavior as necessary | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Thinks before acting | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Is responsible for own behavior | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Identifies behaviors that interfere | 0 | 1 | 2 | $(3)$ |
| with own learning | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| Understands the importance of self- <br> management |  |  |  |  |

## ORGANIZATION

| Uses locker effectively | 0 | 1 | (2) | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Transports books and other material to and from school effectively | (0) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Has books, supplies, equipment, and other materials needed for class | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Manages multiple tasks or assignments | (0) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Uses two or more learning skills simultaneously when needed | 0 | (1) | 2 | 3 |
| Meets individual organizational expectations concerning own learning | 0 | (1) |  | 3 |

Figure 3. (continued)
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## 21. Study and Learning Skills Inventory (continued)

## SUMMARY OF LEARNING SKILLS

DIRECTIONS: summarize in the chart below the number of Not Proficient, Partially Proficient, Proficient, and Highly Proficient sub-skills for each learning skill. The number next to the learning skill represents the total number of sub-skills listed for each area.

| Learning Skill <br> Reading Rate (6) | Not Proficient | Partially Proficient $3$ | Proficient <br> 2 | Highly Proficient |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Listening (5) |  | 1 | 4 |  |
| Graphic Aids (5) |  | 2 | 1 |  |
| Library Usage (6) |  |  | 5 |  |
| Reference Materials (6) |  | 4 | 2 |  |
| Test Taking (13) | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Note Taking and Outlining (9) | 2 | 6 | 1 |  |
| Report Writing (10) |  | 7 | 3 |  |
| Oral Presentations (6) |  |  | 1 | 5 |
| Time Management (9) | 2 | 5 | 2 |  |
| Self-Management (6) |  | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Organization (6) | 2 | 3 | 1 |  |

Summary comments:

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Areas of concerrn: Reading Rate
Test Taking
Note Taking and Outlining
Time Management
Organization

Figure 3. (continued)

## Transition Planning Inventory-Third Edition Home Preferences and Interests Form

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Parent Name(s) John and Dorothy
Directions: For each question, explain what you are thinking at this time based on family interests and preferences related to your son or daughter. If you do not have an answer for a question, leave it blank. Start at the top of each column and read downward (1, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, etc.).

## General

1a. What does Eileen plan to do after high school (such as working, more school or training, choosing a place to live)? go to college

1b. What would you like him/her to do?
go to a college, but one that has good services
for students with a disability

| (2) Working | (3) Learning | (4) Living |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2a. What jobs do you think he/she should consider? <br> something related to theater | 3a. What would you like him/her to study or get training in after high school? <br> theater/drama | 4a. Where would you feel most comfortable with your son/ daughter living? <br> listen to music, watch movies |
| 2b. What type of setting would you prefer him/her to work in (indoor versus outdoor, office versus factory, etc.)? <br> wherever she finds work! | 3b. How does he/she best get information-by reading or asking questions? <br> asking questions | 4b. How do you see friendships maintained or increased in the future? <br> she has many friends, but only one close friend |
| 2c. What concerns do you have for your son/daughter in any work situation? <br> the reading demands | 3c. How does he/she like to share information-by speaking, writing, or signing? <br> she likes to talk! | 4c. How comfortable are you in letting your son/daughter make decisions on his/her own? <br> likes to get others' opinions |

5 How would you like the school to help him/her in the next 2-3 years prepare for getting a job, going to college or a training program, or being able to deal with everyday life in the community?
We would like for the school to work on those areas where she still needs to improve-especially reading.

6 How will his/her disability affect him/her working in a job, going to school, and living in the community? Her reading will affect performance in school and probably limit her later when she has a job.

Figure 4.

## Reading Preferences and Challenges-College Version

Name: Eileen Date: $\qquad$
Background Information:
I have had reading problems in school
$\qquad$

## Part A: Reading Preferences (check all that typically apply to you)

I like to read where it is very quiet.$\qquad$ I like to read with music playing in the background.
$\qquad$ I prefer to listen to an audio recording of a reading selection.
$\qquad$ $I$ like to read where there are not other people around.
I like to highlight what I am reading.
$\qquad$ I like to write notes in the book when I am reading.
I like to write notes on paper when I am reading.
$\qquad$ I like to talk with others about reading assignments.
$\qquad$ Other: $\qquad$

## Part B: Reading Challenges

| Reading Skill | Rarely |  | Sometimes |  | Almost Always |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. It takes me a long time to read most materials. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 (5) |
| 2. It takes me a very long time to read textbooks. | 0 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 (5) |
| 3. It is very difficult for me to comprehend: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Science textbooks (e.g., chemistry) and related material | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 (5) |
| Social science textbooks (e.g., history) and related material | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 (5) |
| Literature (fiction and nonfiction) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | (4) 5 |
| 4. I have difficulty: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Understanding the vocabulary used in material I have to read | 0 | 1 | 2 | (3) | ) 4 |
| Highlighting or taking notes on important information in a textbook chapter or other assigned reading | 0 | 1 | 2 | (3) | ) 5 |
| Knowing when I do not understand what I am reading | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | (4) 5 |
| Skimming reading material to get a general sense of what the reading material is about | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 (5) |
| Scanning reading material to find specific information | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | (4) 5 |
| Remembering what I have read | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | (4) 5 |
| Rereading material when I have to study for a test | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 (5) |

Figure 5. Reading Preferences and Challenges-College Version.

## F. Planning Notes

| Transition domain | Relative strengths | Planning recommendations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Career Choice and Planning | - Recognizes career preferences and interests <br> - Has a very good idea of her major in college <br> - Knows about the types of jobs that this job can lead to in general | - Needs to explore in more detail the specific features of jobs in which she has interest |
| Employment Knowledge and Skills | - Displays good work attitudes and general work skills | - Should try to set up an opportunity to shadow a member of a local actors guild or group |
| Further Education/Training | - Is highly motivated about attending college <br> - Has identified schools that offer majors in theater arts and has determined which ones are appropriate choices <br> - Understands her need for supports in the future <br> - Recognizes that her study skills are not at the levels they need to be to ensure success in college | - Needs to identify the specific details about applying to schools <br> - Should discuss with her parents the financial implications of going to the schools to which she is applying <br> - Needs to further clarify and improve a range of study skills that have been identified as challenges for her-especially in the areas of note taking, time management, test taking, and organizational skills. Instruction is needed. <br> - Must identify on-campus support services on the campus of the school to which she ultimately chooses to go that are available to all students <br> - Must decide whether to disclose her disability and notify the oncampus office of disability services <br> - Needs to identify and eventually meet with a counselor of the disability services office (if she decides to disclose) |
| Functional Communication | - Displays good expressive and receptive language skills <br> - Has excellent informal communication skills | - Must develop more proficiency in comprehending complex or abstract material she reads in textbooks <br> - Has difficulty organizing material she has read to prepare for tests <br> - Needs to improve a range of reading skills such as scanning and skimming <br> - Needs to improve skills in organizing and developing a report or papers that are over 3 pages in length <br> - Needs to identify a note-taking system that works for her <br> - Needs to develop skills in requesting peer note takers who are in class with her |
| Self-Determination | - Displays self-confidence in a number of settings <br> - Can express her needs in appropriate ways <br> - Shows useful self-advocacy skills | - Needs to learn to accept the limitations that she has and understand the functional impact that her limitations have on her chosen major and future career <br> - Must develop an accurate understanding of her legal rights in college and when she is in the workforce <br> - Should seek out and join an organization/group of college students who also have learning disabilities |
| Independent Living | - Displays essential daily living skills that will be needed to live in a dorm or apartment <br> - Can handle everyday dilemmas <br> - Is very good with technology | - Needs to learn some home maintenance/repair skills |


$\left.$| Transition domain | Relative strengths | Planning recommendations |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Personal Money Management | - Possesses a good sense of money <br> and is responsible in terms of <br> spending |  |
| - Has opened a checking and savings |  |  |
| account |  |  | | - Needs to obtain a debit card and establish credit |
| :--- |
| - Should open a joint checking account with her parents so that |
| money can be transferred easily |
| - Must understand how to budget and manage the limited amount |
| of money that she will have for everyday purchases |
| - Needs to identify possible on-campus and off-campus opportuni- |
| ties for part-time employment | \right\rvert\,

