Building Capacity for Effective Secondary Transition Planning and Practice, An LEA Case Study

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# Agenda

- Our Story
- Getting Feedback!
- Developing Your Team & Tools!
- Building Accountability Checkpoints!
- Building Your Program & Relationships!



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## Make Commitments

- What is your low-hanging fruit?
- What do you need to do in the next two weeks to make that happen?
- What would you like to be true within two years?
- How can you begin building resources now to make that a reality at the beginning of next year?

