

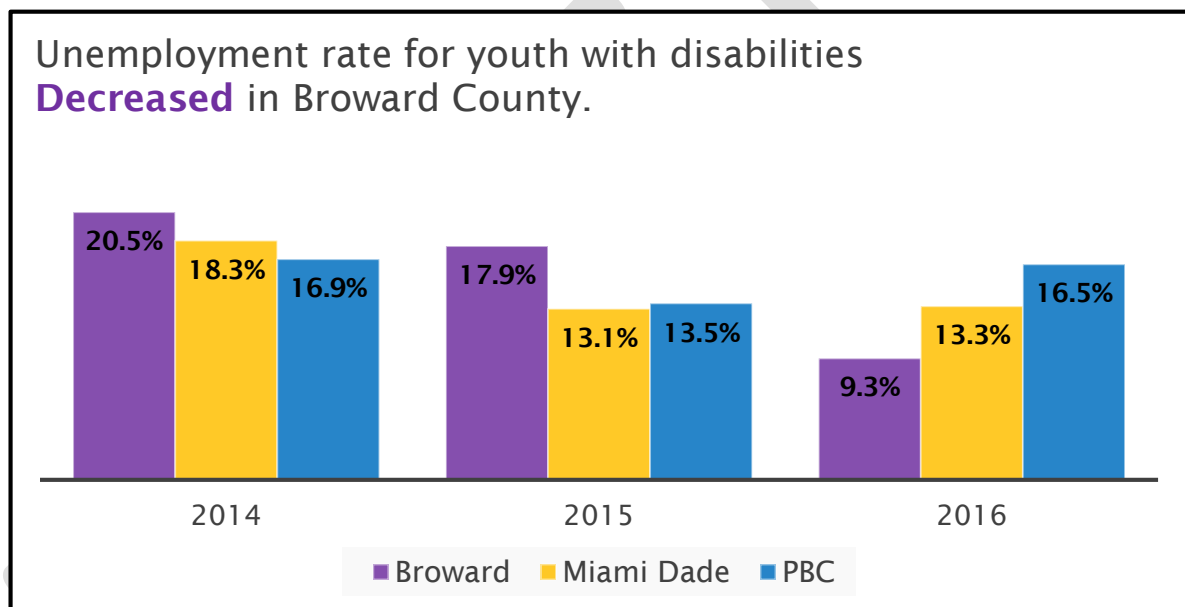


TURN THE CURVE REPORT Transition to Independence (T2I) Committee

Population Result: Young people successfully transition to adulthood.

Service System Result: Youth with special needs in Broward County ages 16-22 will be in post-secondary settings, employment, and financial independence.

Indicators

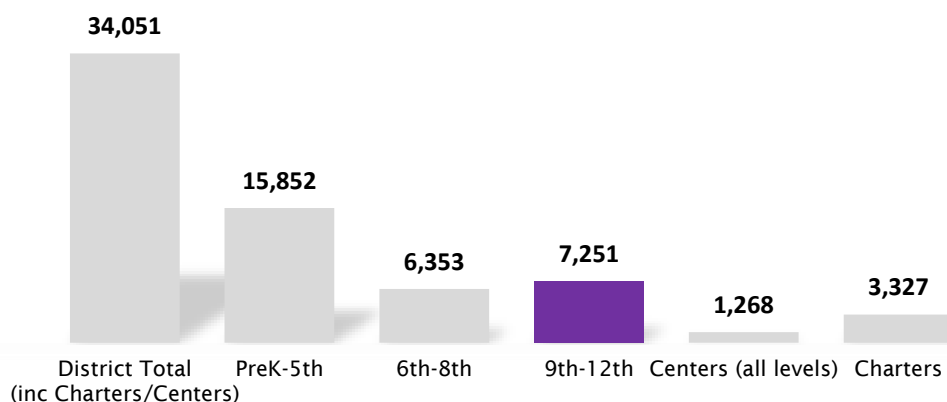


Source: American Community Survey (ACS) 1 year estimates
Unemployment rate for persons with any disability age 16 and over

Based on the 2015-16 Broward County Public Schools Graduates – Standard Diploma – Fall 2017 Findings Data:

70 % of students are enrolled in continuing education classes. **48%** of students are employed

7,251 BCPS ESE High School Students Enrollment (SY 2016/17)

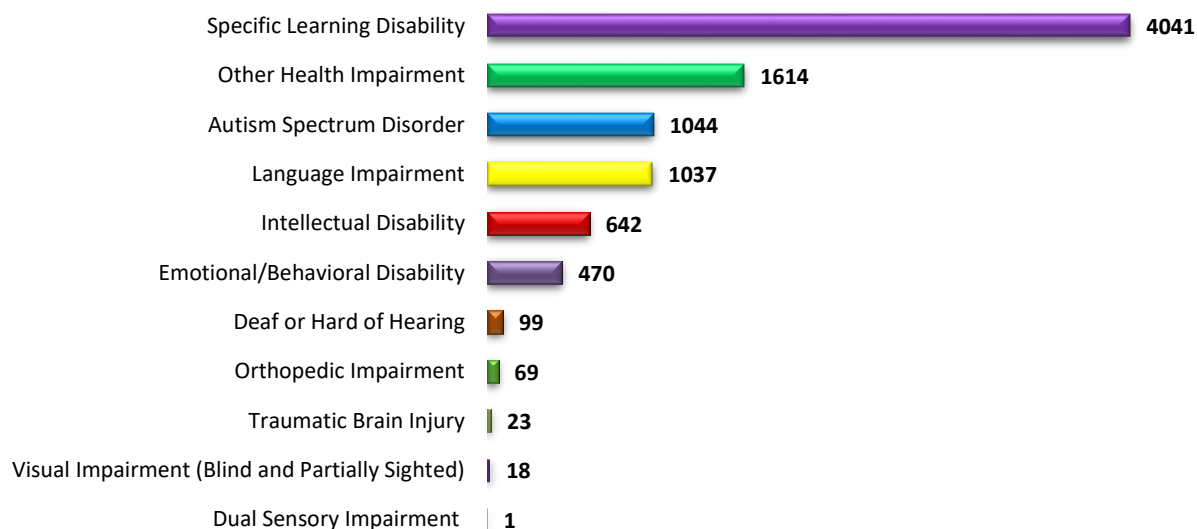


Source: Florida Education & Training Placement Information Program

Secondary Indicators

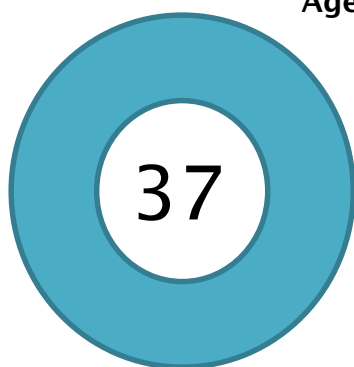
CSC Student Exceptionalities 2018

Youth Between the ages of 16 through 21 with the following exceptionalities



Source: Broward County Public Schools

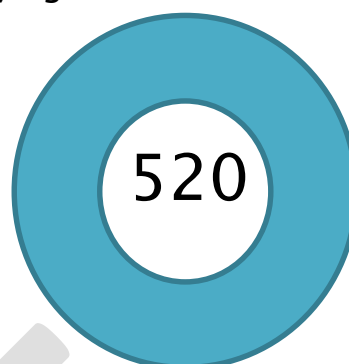
Agency for Persons with Disability Ages 15-22



Individuals enrolled in Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC)



Currently Receiving Services w/Home & Community Based Services (Waiver)



Currently on Waitlist

Source: Wait List January 1, 2018 Agency for Persons with Disability

Story Behind the Curve

- Youth lacking knowledge about their diploma options and their disabilities.
- Parents' lack of direction about their children's post-secondary options.
- Increased anxiety from parents about their child's future. Not aware of inclusiveness options in the community.
- Employers' lack of knowledge about hiring youth with disabilities, i.e. liabilities, accommodations and students' skills.
- Youth not taking leadership role in their lives which reflects in their course work planning.

Partners

Actual

- 211 Broward
- Adult agencies
- Business Community
- Colleges and Universities (Broward College, Nova Southeastern, FAU)
- Community Based Non-Profit organizations
- Community Work Groups
- Municipalities
- School Board (Secondary)
- Technical/Vocational Centers
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Workforce Board

Potential

- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Broward County Children's Services Administration
- Chamber of Commerce
- Faith based organizations
- Financial Institutions
- Transportation
- Youth
- Youth based organizations

Best Ideas – What Works

- Increase training and communication for parents on how to navigate the system and post-secondary options. - **Ongoing**
- Create apprenticeship programs and internships.
- Expansion of year round training programs such as STEPS and Project Search. (Pending BCPS Data)

- Total immersion programs in business led partnerships that offer training that lead to employment. - **Ongoing (Arc Broward, YMCA, Smith, Center for Hearing and Communication)**
- Integrate job developers within existing training programs that focus on both employment and community involvement. - **Ongoing**
- Increase parent training on topics such as how employment may affect public benefits. - **Ongoing (Service Source, Y-WIC Coordinator)**

Action Steps

- Access to appropriate transportation for youth and adults with disabilities to allow for increased integrated employment and post-secondary options. - **Expected completion date**
- Increase contact with business organizations to disseminate information and eliminate stigma about hiring people with disabilities and educate about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. - **Expected completion date**
- Expand postsecondary access and participation in colleges/universities and technical college programs for students with disabilities. - **Expected completion date**
- Increase access and participation for youth in Vocational Rehabilitation Pre-Placement Training program.
- Increase financial independence - **Expected completion date**
- All documents/information sheets will be available in multiple languages (English, Spanish, & Creole)

Accomplishments

- Created a specialized position for SSA Benefit Planning that will increase percent of individuals approved for services in the STEP program. Number of families served **_____ \$31,717 funds returned to SSA Beneficiaries.** - **Pending Data from Service Source**
- **154** students with disabilities were placed in paid employment through PASS, Project SEARCH, and career ACCESS initiatives in Broward County Public Schools school year **2013/14. Pending data from BCPS**
- In partnership with CSC, the Transition to Life Summit has been successful for the last 8 years serving a total of 1,812 vendors, presenters volunteers, parents and youth. - **BCPS have developed ESLS Resource Fairs within the high schools to increase parent resource information.**