

PATH: A Vision in the Making



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What is a PATH?

- A graphic representation of one's dreams and desires.
- A series of action steps developed for realization
- A person-centered planning strategy.
- A reunification process for families and friends.


How can PATH be used?

- Program development.
- A precursor to the IP.
- Creation of tangible natural supports.
- Students in transition.
- Organizational strategic planning.

What are the benefits of a PATH?

- Uninvolved facilitator.
- User-friendly.
- It's a party!!!
- "Out of the box" process.
- An escape from everyday obstacles and "cant's."

How do you do it?

- Start with the North Star. 
- Identify secondary dreams encompassing social, employment, housing, and recreational aspects of life.
- If this is too abstract, discuss one's gifts and how they can be applied to the community.

How do you do it?

- Next step is time travel.
- This is the most difficult.
- The group selects a target period of time in the future.
- Discuss progress as if we are already there.

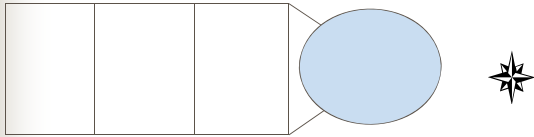
How do you do it?

- Back up to present day.
- Discuss current situation including frustrations, celebrations, and everyday events.
- Identify "who to enroll" in order to realize dreams.

How do you do it?

- Identify sources of strength that will help people keep their "eyes on the prize."
- Pinpoint first steps in getting there.

What it looks like



What have we seen?

- Emotion.
- True progress within a month.
- A community of people that believe in forward motion.
- PATH displayed and revisited regularly.

Examples