

Facilitator Guide

*For Transitions Parental Engagement
Toolkit*



TRANSITIONS
Supporting First Nations, Métis & Inuit Students in School & Career Success

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The Ontario Native Education Counselling Association

The Ontario Native Education Counselling Association (ONECA) is an organization comprised of First Nation Education Counsellors. It was incorporated in 1985 and is currently linked with 136 First Nations in Ontario. ONECA is founded upon principles that recognize that, although a variety of counselling and educational tools and programs exist in Ontario, the development of Native communities requires tools and programs designed specifically for improving Native Counselling and Education services.

The goals of ONECA are:

- To promote Native People to aspire to meet their potential through the on-going development and improvement of Native Counselling and Education Services;
- To provide a forum for discussion of problems relating to Native student counselling and Native education, in general;
- To advance and promote Native student counselling services as a profession by encouraging high standards;
- To promote professional development for individuals engaged in Native student counselling;
- To liaise with international, national, regional and local counselling and educational institutions and/or associations;
- To act as a resource distribution centre for program material pertinent to counselling Native students and to Native education in general; and
- To promote the immediate and long range goals and concerns of those involved in Native counselling services and Native educational programs.

In keeping with these goals, ONECA has undertaken the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Transitions Project.

The First Nations, Métis and Inuit Transitions Project

The goal of the Transitions Project is to support First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) students with their school and career paths.

The foundation of the Transitions Project began with the completion of “Walk in Our Moccasins: A Comprehensive Study of Aboriginal Education Counsellors in Ontario 2010,” a study conducted and compiled by Dr. Pamela Toulouse in 2010. This study revealed suggestions for best practices to guide students through their transitions from pre-school to post-secondary school. In 2011, a second report was written, “The Aboriginal Student Transitions Project,” with its companion document “Web-Based Resources” which focused on the best practices for the post-secondary level.

These three reports became the foundation of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Transitions Project and the creation of the Phase I Toolkit, the Remote to Urban Toolkit, the Parental Engagement Toolkit and the Post-Secondary Toolkit. Each of these toolkits has been designed to be used by Education Counsellors, students, parents/guardians, other professionals and communities. These toolkits provide strategies to support FNMI students in the following transitional areas: preschool to elementary, elementary to secondary, secondary to post-secondary, post-secondary to post-secondary, school to work and school to home.

The Transitions website provides additional resources and applications to guide stakeholders in their support of FNMI students.

Instructions for Facilitator

This guide and its activities are merely a suggestion. Please feel free to adjust workshops and activities to best suit your needs and the needs of your students.

There are various videos available at www.oneca.com/transitions/video-resources that addresses each transitions stage. These videos may be helpful to introduce the workshop or to create discussion.

Materials Needed:

- Laptop
- Projector (needed for most workshops to run interactive games)
- Chalkboard, white board or chart paper
- M&Ms, skittles or multi-coloured items (for ice breaker activity)
- Transitions Brochures

Workshop for Students

Option 1: Facilitator Centred

Students will learn:

- How they can involve their parents/guardians in their life to help them meet with success
- Strategies to prepare themselves for the transitions to the next level of their education or career path.

Introduction (5 minutes)

The facilitator will begin the workshop by briefly explaining what the Transitions Project is and how it can support their students specifically. The facilitator can use “The Transitions Project” on Page 3.

In order to determine what the facilitator wants the students to gain from the workshop, they should determine the answers to the following:

- What do you perceive as the main challenge your students face when making the transition to the next education or career level?
- What barriers exist that prevent parents/guardians from becoming more involved in education in your community?
- What strategies have already been tried? Were they successful?

Ice Breaker “M & M” (5-10 minutes)

The length of time this activity takes will depend on how many participants are in the workshop. Each student will be invited to take three M&Ms, skittles, or any other multi-coloured candies or items. For each possible colour, assign a topic to it such as:

- Blue=family
- Red=school
- Green=hobbies

Each student will tell the group one fact about themselves for each candy or item they have. So, if they have 2 blues and 1 green, they must tell two facts about their family and one fact about a hobby they have. The facilitator should go first to provide an example.

Think-Pair-Share (8-10 minutes)

Each student will be asked to think about the transition they will soon make (going from elementary to secondary school, secondary to post-secondary school, etc.). They will be asked to come up with at least two concerns or uncertainties they have about the transition. They should be given about two minutes to complete this.

The students will then partner up and share their thoughts. The students should be given about three minutes to do this.

Finally, the facilitator will bring the students back together as a large group. The facilitator will ask the students to share their concerns with the whole group. The facilitator should record the responses on a chalk board, white board or chart paper (leaving room around each response in order to add in strategies discussed in the next activity). The amount of time this takes will depend on the number of students in the workshop and how much they are willing to share.

Transitions Strategies (15-30 minutes)

The facilitator will now discuss the strategies the students can use to have their parents/guardians help them overcome these challenges. The facilitator will begin going through the strategies in the student's brochure that are relevant to the group. The strategies should be matched with the ideas that were provided in the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. It is important to show students that the strategies can help them with their concerns. Key words from the strategies should be recorded beside the *Think-Pair-Share* idea that it best corresponds to. For example, one student may have said that they are afraid of not fitting in at the high school. One strategy the student could use is to talk about these feelings with their parents/guardians. Their parents/guardians will be able to share their own stories and life experiences about the same feelings. The facilitator could write "talk and share life experiences" beside "not fitting in" on the board or chart paper.

The facilitator should discuss any strategies that do not have a link to the student ideas from the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. This will provide students with the tools to deal with the feelings and experiences they haven't anticipated in relation to their transition.

The facilitator will ask the students if they have any questions or comments about the strategies discussed.

Game (20-30 minutes)

The facilitator will oversee the playing of either Jeopardy or Quest in order to consolidate the student's learning. The computer files with these games can be found at www.oneca.com/transitions or on the memory stick received with the toolkit. Ensure that the correct game is chosen for the level of students at the workshop (they are divided by transition level, such as elementary to secondary, secondary to post-secondary, etc.).

To play Jeopardy, the students should be divided into teams (2 or 3 depending on how many participants there are). The team will choose a category and point value that they want to play for. The facilitator will click on the point value the team chooses and will then be taken to a question. Once the team provides an answer, the facilitator will click on "answer" in the slide to be taken to the actual answer. If they answer correctly, the team is awarded with points. On the answer slide, there is a link to return to the Jeopardy board. Continue this process until all of the questions are answered. The team who has the most points at the end wins. You can choose to add in more rules such as subtracting points if they answer incorrectly, allowing the other team to steal, etc.

To play Quest, the students should be divided into teams (2 or 3 depending on how many participants there are). Both teams will start on the same community. Click on the community and they can choose to answer a question which will allow them to skip to one community ahead or one which will allow them to skip to two communities ahead if they answer correctly. Once the question is chosen, students must provide an answer. There is a link to the answer on the question slide. If correct, the team moves to the community it says to. The answer slide has a link back to the map so the next team can choose their question. The first team to reach the final community wins. It may be worth it to keep track of which community the teams are on.

The length of time this game takes will depend on the number of students present and whether or not the entire game is played.

Conclusion (5 minutes)

The facilitator will provide a recap of the workshop. The facilitator should let students know that they can access these and many more resources at www.oneca.com/transitions. Remind students that parents/guardians, community

members, education counsellors, teachers and other professionals are stakeholders in their lives and are there to support them. Let them know that it is important to keep their parents/guardians involved in their education as they can be an endless means of support and strength.

The facilitator will ask students if there are any final questions or comments.

Option 2: Student Discovery Based

Students will learn:

- How they can involve their parents/guardians in their support network for education and career transitions
- Strategies to prepare themselves for the transition to the next level of education or career path.

Introduction (5 minutes)

The facilitator will begin the workshop by briefly explaining what the Transitions Project is and how they hope it can support their students specifically. The facilitator can use “The Transitions Project” on Page 3.

In order to determine what the facilitator wants the students to gain from the workshop, they should determine the answers to the following:

- What do you perceive as the main challenge your students face when making the transition to the next education or career level?
- What barriers exist that prevent parents/guardians from becoming more involved in education in your community?
- What strategies have already been tried? Were they successful?

Ice Breaker “M & M” (5-10 minutes)

The length of time this activity takes will depend on how many participants are in the workshop. Each student will be invited to take three M&Ms, skittles, or any other multi-coloured candies or items. For each possible colour, assign a topic to it such as:

- Blue=family

- Red=school
- Green=hobbies

Each student will tell the group one fact about themselves for each candy or item they have. So, if they have 2 blues and 1 green, they must tell two facts about their family and one fact about a hobby they have. The facilitator should go first to provide an example.

Think-Pair-Share (8-10 minutes)

Each student will be asked to think about the transition they will soon make (going from elementary to secondary school, secondary to post-secondary school, etc.). They will be asked to come up with at least two concerns or uncertainties they have about the transition. They should be given about two minutes to complete this.

The students will then partner up and share their thoughts. The students should be given about three minutes to do this.

Finally, the facilitator will bring the students back together as a large group. The facilitator will ask the students to share their concerns with the whole group. The responses should be recorded on a chalk board, white board or chart paper (leaving room around each response in order to add in strategies discussed in the next activity). The amount of time this takes will depend on the number of students in the workshop and how much they are willing to share.

Transitions Strategies-Discovery Learning (32-40 minutes)

Instead of the facilitator telling the students about the strategies, there will be learning stations set up which will have students learning and reflecting on Transitions strategies.

The facilitator should have 6 stations set up. Students should be required to complete 4 of the stations. Students should be given at least eight minutes per station. The facilitator should keep track of the time and signal when the students must move to a new station. This can be adjusted to fit the level of the students. If they will need more time, perhaps have them only complete 3 stations.

Station activities for various age groups are available in Appendix A at the end of this guide.

Conclusion (5 minutes)

The facilitator will provide a recap of the workshop. The facilitator should let students know that they can access these and many more resources at www.oneca.com/transitions. Remind students that parents/guardians, community members, education counsellors, teachers and other professionals are stakeholders in their lives and are there to support them. Let them know that it is important to keep their parents/guardians involved in their education as they can be an endless means of support and strength.

The facilitator will ask students if there are any final questions or comments.

Workshop for Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians will learn:

- How they can stay involved and informed about their child/children's transitions
- How they can support their child/children through various transition stages

Introduction (5 minutes)

The facilitator will begin the workshop by briefly explaining what the Transitions Project is and how it can guide the parents/guardians in their community. The facilitator can use "The Transitions Project" on page 3.

In order to determine what the facilitator wants the parents/guardians to gain from the workshop, they should determine the answers to the following:

- What do you perceive as the main challenge parents/guardians face when trying to support their child/children transition between education levels?
- What strategies have already been used to guide parents/guardians? Were they successful?
- Are there other stakeholders that parents/guardians need to be aware of so they can work as a team for the child/children?

Ice Breaker (5-10 minutes)

The length of time this activity takes will depend on how many participants are in the workshop. Each parent/guardian will be invited to take three M&Ms, skittles, or any other multi-coloured candies or items. For each possible colour, assign a topic to it such as:

- Blue=family
- Red=hobbies
- Green=work/homemaking

Each parent/guardian will tell the group one fact about themselves for each candy or item they have. So, if they have 2 blues and 1 green, they must tell two facts about their family and one fact about the work they do, including being a homemaker. The facilitator should go first to provide an example.

Think-Pair-Share (8-10 minutes)

The facilitator will ask each parent/guardian to think about the transition their child/children will soon make (going from elementary to secondary school, secondary to post-secondary school, etc.). They will be asked to come up with at least two concerns or uncertainties they have about the transition. They should be given about two minutes.

The parents/guardians will then partner up and share their thoughts. They should be given about three minutes to do this.

Finally, the facilitator will bring the parents/guardians back together as a large group. The facilitator will ask them to share their concerns with the whole group. The responses will be recorded on a chalkboard, whiteboard or chart paper (leaving room around the responses to add Transitions strategies in the next activity). The amount of time this takes will depend on the number of parents/guardians attending the workshop and how much discussion emerges.

Transitions Strategies (15-30 minutes)

The facilitator will now discuss the strategies the parents/guardians can use to overcome these challenges. The facilitator will begin going through the strategies in the parent/guardian's brochure that are relevant to the group. The strategies should be matched with the ideas that were provided in the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. It is important to show participants that the strategies can directly help them address their concerns. The key words from the strategies should be recorded beside the *Think-Pair-Share* activity that it best corresponds to. For example, one parent/guardian may have said that they were not sure how they could actually help their child/children prepare for college. One strategy the parent/guardian could use would be to help them research FNMI services that are available at the college and in the municipality the college is located in. The facilitator would write "FNMI services research" beside "how to prepare child/children" on the board or chart paper.

The facilitator should discuss any strategies that do not have a link to the parent/guardian ideas from the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. This will provide parents/guardians with the tools to deal with the feelings and experiences they haven't anticipated in relation to their child/children's transition.

BINGO (20-30 minutes)

The facilitator will distribute BINGO cards and marking tabs to each workshop participant. A BINGO formation must be chosen to play for such as “T,” straight line, etc. The facilitator will then use the provided questions to call the game. The cards and questions can be found at www.oneca.com/transitions or on the memory stick received with the toolkit.

The length of time this takes will depend on the number of participants and the type of BINGO you decide to play (straight line, “X,” “T,” etc.).

Conclusion (5 minutes)

The facilitator will provide a recap of the workshop. The facilitator should let parents/guardians know that they can access these and many more resources at www.oneca.com/transitions. The facilitator will remind them that they can work with and talk to community members, education counsellors, teachers and other professionals to support students’ transitions through their education and career paths.

The facilitator will ask parents/guardians if there are any final questions or comments.

Workshop for Education Counsellors

Education Counsellors will learn:

- Strategies to support FNMI students' transitions on their education and career paths
- Strategies to engage parents/guardians in their child/children's education
- Workshop ideas to share transitions strategies with students, parents/guardians, communities and other professionals

Introduction (5 minutes)

The facilitator will begin the workshop by introducing what the Transitions Project is and how it can support Education Counsellors in their community. The facilitator can use "The Transitions Project" on Page 3.

In order to determine what the facilitator wants the education counsellors to gain from the workshop, they should determine the answers to the following:

- What do you think is the main area or issue education counsellors should focus on when supporting students with transitions in your community?
- What is the main challenge education counsellors face when trying to engage parents/guardians?
- What strategies have already been tried? Were they successful?

Ice Breaker- M&Ms (5-10 minutes)

The length of time this activity takes will depend on how many participants there are. Each education counsellor will be invited to take three M&Ms, skittles or any other multi-coloured candies or items. For each possible colour, assign a topic to it such as:

- Blue=family
- Red=your work/school
- Green=hobbies

Each education counsellor will tell the group one fact about themselves for each candy or item they have. So, if they have 2 blues and a green, they must tell two facts about their family and one fact about a hobby they have. The facilitator should go first to provide an example.

Think-Pair-Share (8-10 minutes)

Each education counsellor will think about the transition their students will soon make (going from elementary to secondary, secondary to post-secondary school, etc.). The facilitator will ask them to come up with at least two concerns or uncertainties they have about trying to getting parents/guardians involved. They should be given about two minutes to do this.

The education counsellors will then partner up and share their thoughts. They should be given about three minutes to do this.

Finally, the facilitator will bring the education counsellors back together as a large group. The education counsellors will be asked to share their ideas with the whole group. The facilitator should record the responses on a chalkboard, whiteboard, or chart paper (leaving room around the responses to add in transitions strategies in the next activity). The amount of time this takes will depend on the number of education counsellors attending the workshop.

Transitions Strategies (15-30 minutes)

The facilitator will now discuss the strategies the education counsellors can use to support students with their transitions and strategies they can use to engage parents/guardians. The facilitator will begin going through the strategies in the Education Counsellor's brochure relevant to their group. The strategies will be matched with the ideas that were provided in the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. The key words from the strategies will be recorded beside the *Think-Pair-Share* idea that it best corresponds to. For example, one education counsellor may have said they have a hard time finding ways to help parents/guardians feel comfortable in the school. One strategy is to provide training for teachers and administrators on how to effectively communicate and work with FNMI parents/guardians. The facilitator could write "training for education staff" beside "comfortable" on the board or chart paper.

The facilitator should discuss any strategies that do not have a link to the education counsellor ideas from the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. This will provide education counsellors with the tools to deal with the situations and experiences they haven't anticipated in relation to their student's transitions.

BINGO (20-30 minutes)

The facilitator will distribute BINGO cards and marking tabs to each workshop participant. A BINGO formation must be chosen to play for such as “T,” straight line, etc. The facilitator will then use the provided questions to call the game. The cards and questions can be found at www.oneca.com/transitions or on the memory stick received with the toolkit.

The length of time this takes will depend on the number of participants and the type of BINGO chosen (straight line, “X,” “T,” etc.).

Overview of Other Sections of the Guide (15-25 minutes)

The facilitator will explain that the guide includes workshop ideas for students, parents/guardians, community members and other professionals. The facilitator will explain that BINGO games have been developed for parents/guardians, community members and other professionals. The education counsellors will also be told that there are jeopardy games, quest games and learning stations developed for student workshops.

One of the jeopardy games should be opened to show education counsellors a sample. The facilitator should demonstrate how the game works. Then, they should do the same with a Quest game and a set of learning stations.

This will show education counsellors how they can use the materials to support students, parents/guardians, communities and other professionals in their area.

Conclusion (5 minutes)

The facilitator will provide a recap of the workshop. The facilitator should let education counsellors know that they can access these and many more resources at www.oneca.com/transitions. Participants will be reminded that they can work with and talk to community members, other professionals and students about how to better engage parents/guardians.

The facilitator will ask education counsellors if there are any final questions or comments.

Workshop for Communities

Community members will learn:

- The vital role they can play in supporting students' transitions on their education and career paths
- Strategies to support FNMI students' transitions on their education and career paths by engaging parents/guardians
- Workshop ideas to share transitions strategies with students, parents/guardians, education counsellors and other professionals.

Introduction (5 minutes)

The facilitator will begin the workshop by introducing the Transitions Project and how it can help community members support students' transitions on their education and career paths. The facilitator can use "The Transitions Project" on Page 3.

In order to determine what the facilitator wants the community members to gain from the workshop, they should determine the answers to the following:

- What do you think is the main challenge community members face when trying to support students by engaging parents/guardians?
- What strategies have already been tried? Were they successful?

Ice Breaker (5-10 minutes)

The length of time this activity takes will depend on how many participants there are. Each community member will be invited to take three M&Ms, skittles or any other multi coloured candies or items. For each possible colour, assign a topic to it such as:

- Blue=family
- Red=work or education
- Green=hobbies

Each community member will tell the group one fact about themselves for each candy or item they have. So, if they have 2 blues and a green, they must tell two facts about their family and one fact about a hobby they have. The facilitator should go first to provide an example.

Think-Pair-Share (8-10 minutes)

Each community member will reflect about the transition the students of their community will soon make (going from elementary to secondary school, secondary to post-secondary school, etc.). They will be asked to come up with at least two concerns or uncertainties they have about how to engage parents/guardians in supporting the students. They should be given about 2 minutes.

The community members will then partner up and share their thoughts. They should be given about 3 minutes to do this.

Finally, the community members will come back together as a large group. They will be asked to share their ideas with the whole group. The facilitator should record the responses on a chalkboard, whiteboard or chart paper (leaving room around the responses to add in Transitions strategies in the next activity). The amount of time this takes will depend on the number of community members attending the workshop.

Transitions Strategies (15-30 minutes)

The facilitator will now discuss the strategies the community members can use to support students with their transitions. The facilitator will begin going through the strategies in the Communities Brochure that are relevant to their community. The strategies will be matched with the ideas that were provided in the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. The key words from the strategies should be recorded beside the *Think-Pair-Share* activity that it best corresponds to. For example, one of the community members may have said that they are unsure of how to keep parents/guardians involved once their child has reached adulthood. One strategy is to let parents/guardians know about job opportunities that arise in the community that their child is qualified for. The facilitator could write “job opportunities” beside “adult children” on the board or chart paper.

The facilitator should discuss any strategies that do not have a link to the community members’ ideas from the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. This will provide community members with the tools to deal with situations and experiences they haven’t anticipated in relation to local students’ transitions and parental engagement.

The facilitator will ask the community members if they have any questions or comments about the strategies discussed.

BINGO (20-30 minutes)

The facilitator will distribute BINGO cards and marking tabs to each workshop participant. A BINGO formation must be chosen to play for such as “T,” straight line, etc. The facilitator will then use the provided questions to call the game. The cards and questions can be found at www.oneca.com/transitions or on the memory stick received with the toolkit.

The length of time this takes will depend on the number of participants and the type of BINGO chosen (straight line, “X,” “T,” etc.).

Overview of Other Sections of Guide (15-25 minutes)

The facilitator will explain that the guide includes workshop ideas for students, parents/guardians, education counsellors, and other professionals. The facilitator will explain that BINGO games have been developed for parents/guardians, education counsellors, and other professionals. The community members will then be told that there are jeopardy games, quest games and learning stations developed for student workshops.

One of the jeopardy games should be opened to show community members a sample. The facilitator should demonstrate how the game works. Then, they should do the same with a Quest game and a set of learning stations.

This will show community members how they can use the materials to support students, parents/guardians, education counsellors and other professionals in their area.

Conclusion (5 minutes)

The facilitator will provide a recap of the workshop. The facilitator should let community members know that they can access these and many more resources at www.oneca.com/transitions. Community members will be reminded that they can work with and talk to education counsellors, other professionals and students about how to keep parents/guardians involved in the education of their children.

The facilitator will ask the community members if there are any final questions or comments.

Workshop for Other Professionals

Other Professionals will learn:

- Strategies to support FNMI students' transitions on their education and career paths
- Strategies to develop parental engagement to support students' transitions on their education and career paths
- Workshop ideas to share transitions strategies with students, parents/guardians, education counsellors, and community members.

Introduction (5 minutes)

The facilitator will begin the workshop by briefly explaining what the Transitions project is and how it can help the other professionals support students' transitions on their education and career paths. The facilitator can use "The Transitions Project" on Page 3.

In order to determine what the facilitator wants the other professionals to gain from the workshop, they should determine the answers to the following:

- What do you perceive as the main challenge professionals face when trying to support students with their educational and career transitions in your area?
- What challenges do other professionals face when trying to increase parental engagement in your area?
- What strategies have already been tried? Were they successful?

Ice Breaker (5-10 minutes)

The length of time this activity takes will depend on how many participants there are. Each professional will be invited to take three M&Ms, skittles or any other multi coloured candies or items. For each possible colour, assign a topic to it such as:

- Blue=family
- Red=work or education
- Green=hobbies

Each professional will tell the group one fact about themselves for each candy or item they have. So, if they have 2 blues and a green, they must tell two facts about their family and one fact about a hobby they have. The facilitator should go first to provide an example.

Think-Pair-Share (8-10 minutes)

Each professional will think about the transition the students of their community will soon make (going from elementary to secondary school, secondary to post-secondary school, etc.). They will be asked to come up with at least two concerns or uncertainties they have about how to increase parental engagement in order to better support their students. They should be given about 2 minutes.

The professionals will then partner up and share their thoughts. They should be given about 3 minutes to do this.

Finally, the professionals will be brought back together as a large group. The professionals will be asked to share their ideas with the whole group. The facilitator should record the responses on a chalkboard, whiteboard or chart paper (leaving room around the responses to add in transitions strategies in the next activity). The amount of time this takes will depend on the number of professionals attending the workshop.

Transitions Strategies (15-30 minutes)

The facilitator will now discuss the strategies the professionals can use to support students with their transitions. The facilitator will begin going through the strategies in the Other Professionals Brochure that are relevant to their community. The strategies will be matched with the ideas that were provided in the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. The key words from the strategies should be recorded beside the *Think-Pair-Share* activity idea that it best corresponds to. For example, one of the professionals may have said they are unsure how to make FNMI parents/guardians feel more comfortable in the school. One strategy is making the school environment more welcoming with FNMI posters and FNMI spaces within the school. The facilitator could write “FNMI posters/spaces” beside “comfortable” on the board or chart paper.

The facilitator should discuss any strategies that do not have a link to the professionals’ ideas from the *Think-Pair-Share* activity. This will provide professionals with the tools to deal with situations and experiences they haven’t anticipated in relation to local students’ transitions.

The facilitator will ask the professionals if they have any questions or comments about the strategies discussed.

BINGO (20-30 minutes)

The facilitator will distribute BINGO cards and marking tabs to each workshop participant. A BINGO formation must be chosen to play for such as “T,” straight line, etc. The facilitator will then use the provided questions to call the game. The cards and questions can be found at www.oneca.com/transitions or on the memory stick received with the toolkit.

The length of time this takes will depend on the number of participants and the type of BINGO chosen (straight line, “X,” “T,” etc.).

Overview of Other Sections of Guide (15-25 minutes)

The facilitator will explain that the guide includes workshop ideas for students, parents/guardians, education counsellors and communities. The facilitator will explain that BINGO games have been developed for parents/guardians, education counsellors and communities. The Professionals will also be told that there are jeopardy games, quest games and learning stations developed for student workshops.

One of the jeopardy games should be opened to show professionals a sample. The facilitator should demonstrate how the game works. Then, they should do the same with a Quest game and a set of learning stations.

This will show professionals how they can use the materials to support students, parents/guardians, education counsellors and community members in their area.

Conclusion (5 minutes)

The facilitator will provide a recap of the workshop. The facilitator should let the professionals know that they can access these and many more resources at www.oneca.com/transitions. The Professionals will be reminded that they can work with and talk to education counsellors, community members and students to find ways to increase parental engagement and better support students’ transitions through their education and career paths.

The facilitator will ask the professionals if there are any final questions or comments.

Appendix A

Elementary to Secondary Student Learning Stations

1. *What to Talk to Your Parents/Guardians About*

Have students read through the elementary to secondary section of the Transitions Brochure. They will then create a list of the things they should discuss with their parents/guardians to keep them involved in their life and their education.

2. *Art Station*

Provide an instruction card that asks students to think about how they feel about going to high school and how they feel their parents/guardians can help them. Then, ask the students to use what they would like (markers, pencils, pencil crayons, etc.) to create a picture or piece that expresses their thoughts and answers to these questions.

3. *Journal Station*

Students are to “free write” about their thoughts and feelings about going to high school and how their parents/guardians can support them. Consider providing guiding questions such as:

- How do you feel about going to high school?
- What are you excited about?
- What are you nervous about?
- In what ways do you expect your parents/guardians to help you?

4. *Question and Answer*

Have a Transitions Brochure at the station. Direct students to the “Going from Elementary to Secondary” section. Have a set of questions for them to answer (you can use the worksheet on Page 29).

5. *Letter to a Parent/Guardian*

Have students write a letter to a parent/guardian that expresses what they are feeling about going to high school and what they need their parents/guardians to do to help them.

6. *Poetry*

Have students create poetry about their thoughts and feelings towards moving on to high school and how their parents/guardians can support them.

Elementary to Secondary Brochure Questions

1. What will be different about going to high school?
2. What can you do to keep your parents/guardians involved in your life and your education?
3. How can your parents/guardians help you prepare for high school?
4. Choose two of the strategies in the brochure that you want to try. Explain what they are and how they would help you overcome the challenges you will face.

Secondary to Post-Secondary Learning Stations

1. *What to Talk to Your Parents/Guardians About*

Have students read through the secondary to post-secondary section of the Transitions Brochure. They will then create a list of the things they should discuss with their parents/guardians to keep them involved in their life and their education.

2. *Art Station*

Provide an instruction card that asks students to think about how they feel about going to post-secondary school, who can help them through it and what they feel will get them through any challenges they face. Then, ask the students to use what they would like (markers, pencils, pencil crayons, etc.) to create a picture or piece that expresses their thoughts and answers to these questions.

3. *Journal Station*

Students are to “free write” about their thoughts and feelings about going to college or university and how their parents/guardians can support them.

Consider providing guiding questions such as:

- How do you feel about going to college or university?
- What are you excited about?
- What are you nervous about?
- In what ways do you expect your parents/guardians to help you?

4. *Question and Answer*

Have a Transitions Brochure at the station. Direct students to the “Going from Secondary to Post-Secondary” section. Have a set of questions for them to answer (you can use the worksheet on Page 31).

5. *Letter to a Parent/Guardian*

Have students write a letter to a parent/guardian that expresses what they are feeling about going to college or university and what they need their parents/guardians to do to help them.

6. *Poetry*

Have students create poetry about their thoughts and feelings towards moving on to college or university and how their parents/guardians can support them.

Post-Secondary and On Learning Stations

1. *Letter to a Parent/Guardian*

Have students write a letter to a parent/guardian that expresses what they are feeling about their next transition and what they need their parents/guardians to do to help them.

2. *Interview Skills*

Have students make a list of interview questions they think they would be asked in their field. They can then have parents/guardians ask them these in a mock interview to prepare for their job search.

3. *What to Talk to Your Parents/Guardians About*

Have students create a list of the things they should discuss with their parents/guardians to keep them involved in their life and their education. The list should include the things they need their parents/guardians to do.

4. *Journal Station*

Students are to “free write” about their thoughts and feelings about making the transition they face (changing post-secondary institutions, going to work, or returning home). Consider providing guiding questions such as:

- How do you feel about this transition?
- What are you excited about?
- What are you nervous about?
- How can your parents/guardians help you through this transition?

5. *Goal Setting*

Instruct students to create a career goal. What do they want to do? How will they do it? When will it be done by? What will they do if they do not reach the goal by then or cannot find work?

6. *Question and Answer*

Have a Transitions Brochure at the station. Direct students to the “Going Between Institutions,” “Going to Work,” and “Going Home” sections. Have a set of questions for them to answer (you can use the worksheet on Page 33).

