

Beyond the Classroom!

Welcome Parents

Active Learning in Frisco



- ALC began in 2007
- Grown to 8 classrooms district-wide
- Program is geared to teach communication and functional skills aligned with academics
- Multiple services support ALC students
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech Therapy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Adapted PE
 - Vision Specialists
 - Orientation and Mobility Specialists
 - Auditory Specialists
 - Assistive Technology
 - Music Therapy

Bridging School and Home-Goals

- Working with parents -teaching strategies and routines to use at home.
- Working with in-home parent trainers to offer support with implementing routines
- Coordinating with outside agencies **
- Community Supports **
- Backward transition planning **
- Continuum of planning for post-secondary

Evidence -Based Practices

- Utilize learning strategies supported by scientific data-Individualized for each student
 - Communication Skills-Requesting/Refusing
 - Functional skills
 - Developmental Skills-Physical and Cognitive
 - Pre-requisite academic skills-Utilizing calendar systems

RESEARCH



Scheduled Trainings

October 27th- Introduction to Beyond the Classroom

December- Strategies training -rollout of Website

February- Financial Advisor- Agency Representatives

May- Resource Fair



Staff

Lindsey Brittain-Early Childhood School

Tami Johnson- Corbell Elementary

Alessandra Kowieski- Pink Elementary

Nelly Evanyk- Pink Elementary

Janice Jefferson- Clark Middle School

Stephanie Isenhardt- Hunt Middle School

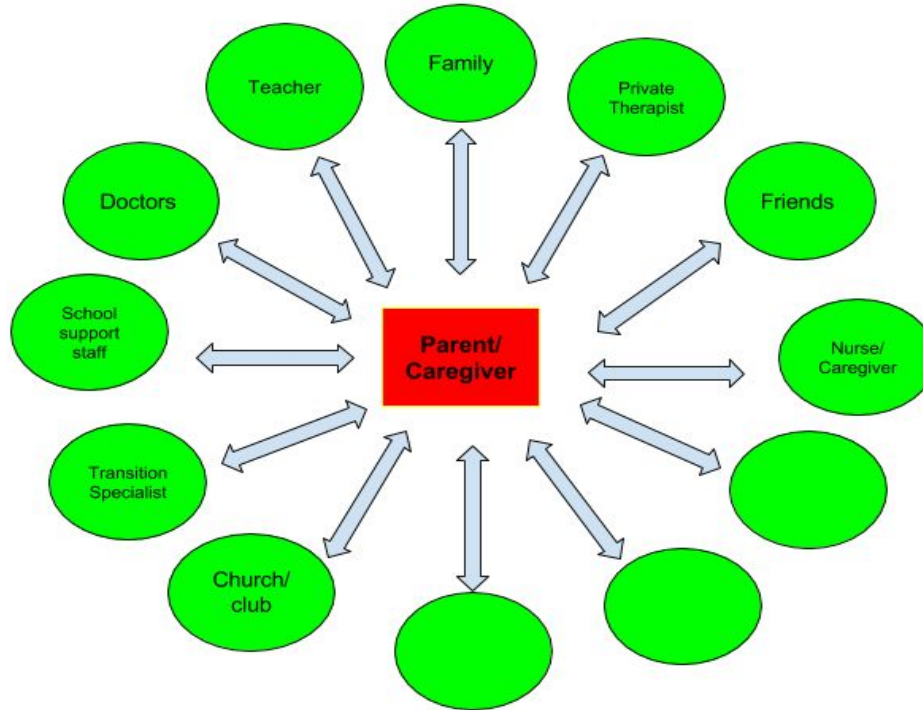
Lauren Sammons- Heritage High School

Tara Chrysler- Reedy High School

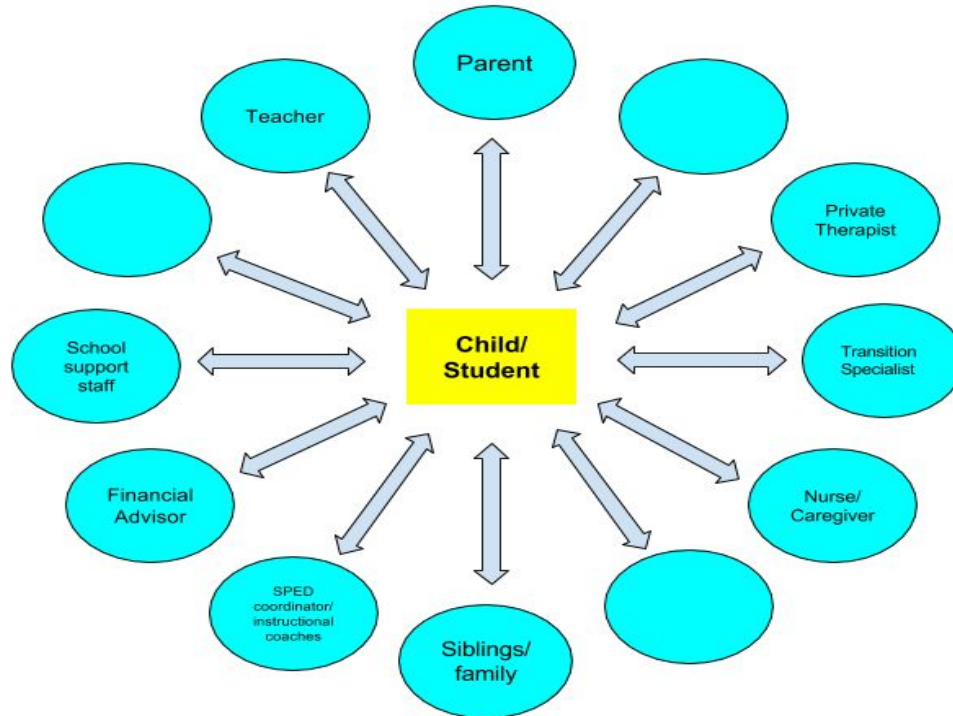
Colleen Kugler - In-home Parent trainer



Beyond Home



Beyond the Classroom



Linking School and Home

Ideas to get the child's team thinking:

Communication

- Place a voice output device in kitchen (recording might say- "want food" or "want drink"). Child may crawl/walk to device or device may be placed on table.
- If child understands picture representation, create choice boards for various rooms (ex: kitchen-cup/snack, living room- TV/ music, playroom- game/toys)
- Attach child's lamp, music, fan etc. to switch
- Mimic your child's vocalization or action
- Place a bell or Voice Output device close to the back door
- Use picture representations- have the child choose which TV show

Cognitive (reading comprehension/vocabulary)

- One on one quality time
- Create a Calendar/ Schedule system for your home
- Read books
- Create Experience stories using actual objects
- Functional Skills- Brushing Teeth, Cooking, Dressing
- Academic- Parent led Count alongs, Sorting

Leisure/ Independent Activities

- **Music- use switches to fast forward, turn off/on**
- **Switch activated toys**
- **Switch activated devices (fan, lights)**
- **Object exploration/ Spatial awareness- Make object exploration bar using PVC.**
- **Choose a game to play, take turns**

