

# Delaware Wins Three National Transition Awards

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## **Employer of the Year Award**

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) was presented with DCDT's Employer of the Year Award for its work implementing Project SEARCH and the agency's efforts for hiring individuals with disabilities. Todd Webb, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator for DelDOT was on hand to receive the award for DelDOT. DelDOT collaborated with the Delaware Department of Education, Delaware Department of Labor's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Delaware Department of Health and Social Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Caesar Rodney School District, Autism Delaware, and Community Integrated Services to implement Project SEARCH during the 2017-2018 School Year. DCDT's Employer of the Year award is presented to an employer or business that has shown remarkable commitment to promoting or providing employment opportunities to students with disabilities.

## **Andrew Halpern Early Career Practitioner Award**

Hunter Matusevich, Delaware Department of Labor's Division on Vocational Rehabilitation, was presented the Andrew Halpern Early Career Practitioner Award based on her efforts in Kent County to collaborate with local education agencies for implementing Pre-Employment Transition Services set forth in the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA). DCDT's Andrew Halpern Early Career Practitioner Award honors a secondary teacher/practitioner who is in his or her first five years of teaching. It is awarded to an educator who has demonstrated outstanding and innovative and committed services to the career education and transition of secondary students with disabilities. The award is named in recognition of Andrew Halpern, a DCDT past president whose research and publications significantly shaped the field of transition.

## **Donn Brolin Award for State/Province Leadership and Services**

Dale Matusevich, Delaware Department of Education's Exceptional Children Resources, was presented with DCDT's Donn Brolin Award for State/Province Leadership and Services for his commitment to improving the quality of life for all students, including those with disabilities and for outstanding leadership in the field of transition and career development through his pursuit of opportunities to improve transition services in Delaware. DCDT's Donn Brolin Award for State/Province Leadership and Services is awarded to an individual who has provided significant leadership and service in transition to a state or province. Donn Brolin was a founding member and the first president of DCDT and as author of the Life Centered Career Education curriculum, was influential in the career development and early transition movement.

For more information about DCDT and the annual conference, visit their website [here](#).

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