

# national youth transitions center

Developed by The HSC Foundation, the National Youth Transitions Center (NYTC) exists because of a fundamental conviction: The Future Needs Everyone. It thrives because it brings together organizations that share this commitment. As a result, the Center is both a physical structure and the embodiment of a mission—to be a collaborative learning community to benefit youth and young people with disabilities.

A seven-story building located in the midst of a university campus in Washington, D.C., the Center is dedicated to the youth transitions field. It houses multiple tenants who have a successful track record of making a difference in the lives of young people with disabilities. The NYTC is also the nerve center for the Youth Transitions Collaborative, whose more than 45 member organizations are working together to help young people find self-directed paths to adulthood and employment.

Here, in this state-of-the-art structure, Collaborative members and partners can reserve meeting space and attend public events to learn more about youth transitions issues.



## Because the Future Needs Everyone.

### Multiple Services...

For the first time in a single location, partnering organizations provide direct services that include:

- **Career counseling and exploration**
- **School-to-work readiness training**
- **Work-based learning (mentoring and internships)**
- **Personal development and leadership training**
- **Family education and support**

### Multiple Benefits...

- **For youth and young people with disabilities**—new confidence and skills, a readiness for jobs or college
- **For employers**—outstanding employees with the skills and determination to help reach goals and fulfill missions
- **For the disabilities and transitions fields**—new thinking and learning from research, evaluation, advocacy, and models of service
- **For the Washington metropolitan area**—a modern center for young people with disabilities and their families to receive cutting-edge services and support
- **For the nation**—an innovative model of collaboration that can be replicated across the country

### YOUTH TRANSITIONS COLLABORATIVE

The Youth Transitions Collaborative is comprised of local, regional and national organizations that have a history of working

with transition-age youth and young adults with disabilities or have a desire to assist these populations. Organizations may support young people through direct services, advocacy and public policy leadership, research and evaluation or other services. Collaborative members also provide critical input to help shape and direct the NYTC's planning and programming, and have produced several resources such as the following (available at [thenytc.org](http://thenytc.org)):

- **The Work Early, Work Often Video Series**
- **Transition QuickGuide: Take Charge of Planning and Managing Your Own Health and Career Goals**
- **Power in Numbers: A Profile of American Voters with Disabilities**

The HEATH Resource Center, managed by The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development, is an online clearinghouse of postsecondary education resources for people with disabilities. It serves as the NYTC's official resource site and can be accessed at [heath.gwu.edu](http://heath.gwu.edu).

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# Facing Challenge. Finding Opportunity.

Youth and young people with disabilities often confront severe obstacles as they transition from adolescence to adulthood and from school to work. But with timely interventions and supportive services, these challenges can be transformed into moments of opportunity.

The National Youth Transitions Center is committed to helping young people with disabilities achieve their greatest level of independence and accomplishment. Developed by The HSC Foundation, the Center brings together the resources of multiple organizations to provide transitions-related services, research, evaluation, best practices, public policy guidance, and innovative projects. The success of their collaboration is measured in young lives empowered to thrive in the workplace and within their community.



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## Collaborative Membership List (as of April 2016)

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.	National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
American Association of People with Disabilities	National Council on Independent Living
Autistic Self Advocacy Network	National Health Foundation
Bridges From School to Work <i>A Marriott Foundation program</i>	PolicyWorks
BroadFutures	Potomac Community Resources, Inc.
Children's Brain Tumor Foundation	Physician - Parent Caregivers
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities
Cornerstone Montgomery, Inc.	SchoolTalk
DC Association for Special Education	Smithsonian Institution Accessibility Program
DC Metro Business Leadership Network	Student Veterans of America
Disabled Sports USA	TASH
District of Columbia Department on Disability Services	The Arc of the United States
District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Technical Training and Assistance	The Children's Partnership
District of Columbia Public Schools Office of Special Education	The Coordinating Center
Easter Seals	The George Washington University Graduate School of Education & Human Development
Girl Scouts Nation's Capital	The George Washington University Public Health Clinical Research Site
Goodwill of Greater Washington	The HSC Foundation
HSCSN	The Treatment and Learning Centers
Institute for Educational Leadership	The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars
Ivymount School, Inc.	TransCen, Inc.
Kids Included Together	United Cerebral Palsy
Latin American Youth Center	United States International Council on Disabilities
Linden Resources, Inc.	Wilderness Inquiry
Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation	

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## A Collaborative Learning Community to Benefit Youth and Young People with Disabilities

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