



# Partnership Network

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**The HSC Foundation** has developed a dynamic network of partners across the country. These partnerships were developed through the Foundation's National Youth Transitions Initiative. The Initiative assists youth and young adults with disabilities in creating and living a self-directed path to adulthood and employment. Each of these partnerships bring a unique expertise and strength that – together – maximizes the potential reward for the children, youth, families and communities we all serve.

We are pleased to highlight our organizational partnerships in this booklet. Contact information is provided for each to encourage further collaboration.

“Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.”

- Helen Keller

# Partners

## 2Gether-International

**Description:** Teaches young people about disability and unifies them to take action on different issues in the disabled community.

**Partnership:** Affiliate of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Abilities Network

**Description:** Provides customized services to children, adults and families of differing abilities that focus on one-on-one supports to foster broadened, more inclusive communities through education, training and advocacy.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## Advocates for Justice and Education

**Description:** Educates parents, youth, and the community about the laws governing public education, specifically for children with special needs. AJE seeks to empower youth and parents to be effective advocates and youth to self-advocate to ensure that children receive an appropriate education.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of Transition Advocacy Project's Youth Leadership Institute via the Youth Transitions National Support Fund.

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## American Association of People With Disabilities

**Description:** Works to improve the lives of people with disabilities by acting as a convener, connector, and catalyst for change, increasing the political and economic power of people with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for the Youth Transitions Collaborative Emerging Leaders Program (ELP), a monthly meeting for young disability rights advocates to interact with established professionals at the National Youth Transitions Center.

**Partnership:** Support for the AAPD Summer Internship Program for students with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of the 2016 Leadership Awards Gala.

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## Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living

**Description:** Provides leadership and resources on rural independent living. As a national membership organization, dedicated to advancing the rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities in rural America by serving as a center of resources and by leading systems change.

**Partnership:** Affiliate of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Association of University Centers on Disabilities

**Description:** Advances policies and practices that improve the health, education, social, and economic well-being of all people with developmental and other disabilities, their families, and their communities by supporting their members in research, education, health, and service activities that achieve their vision.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of Education for All: An Evening with AUCD, a celebration of the impact of the AUCD network and their partners in promoting a quality education for all.

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## Autistic Self Advocacy Network

**Description:** Provides support and services to individuals on the autism spectrum while working to educate communities and improve public perceptions of autism. Activities include public policy advocacy, community engagement to encourage inclusion and respect for neurodiversity, quality of life oriented research, and the development of Autistic cultural activities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for the Autism Campus Inclusion Leadership Academy, as well as a policy brief on reforming the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work program to incentivize post-secondary transition into competitive, integrated employment.

**Partnership:** Support for "Real Talk," a project to address sexual responsibility and healthy relationships in the disability community.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of the ASAN Annual Gala via the Youth Transitions National Support Fund.

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## Bridges from School to Work

**Description:** Established by the Marriott Foundation to develop and support mutually beneficial job placements to meet the workforce needs of local employers and the vocational goals of young people.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for a video campaign around the importance of “work early, work often,” in conjunction with the Youth Transitions Collaborative’s Career Preparation and Management Working Group.

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## BroadFutures

**Description:** Provides holistic training, mentoring and meaningful transitional work experiences for young adults with learning disabilities to empower their potential for positive and successful futures.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for internships for young adults with learning disabilities.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of the Snapshots of Success Gala.

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## Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation

**Description:** Improves the treatment, quality of life and the long term outlook for children with brain and spinal cord tumors through research, support, education, and advocacy to families and survivors.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.)

**Description:** Focuses on helping children from a variety of foster care and adoptive backgrounds to receive understanding and support which will enable them to grow into successful, productive adults. C.A.S.E. defines post-adoption services as ongoing, comprehensive support services that include education, counseling, family forums and advocacy that address clearly identified developmental issues and social-emotional challenges frequently shared by adoptees and their families.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

**Description:** Dedicated to helping the blind or visually impaired population of the greater Washington region overcome the challenges of vision loss; and enables people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired to remain independent, active and productive in society.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Cornerstone Montgomery, Inc.

**Description:** Empowers people living with mental health and co-occurring substance abuse disorders to live, learn, work and integrate successfully within the community by providing integrated mental health services and access to community resources. Programs range from the psychiatric rehabilitation program, including supported living, life skills training and vocational rehabilitation, to a mental health clinic, 24-hour crisis care and services for youth with serious emotional disabilities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## DC Association of Special Education

**Description:** An alliance of non-public and charter schools that provide special education services to students from the District of Columbia through advocacy, special education resources and strong partnerships that provide services to children, families and schools.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## DC Metro Business Leadership Network

**Description:** An educational membership organization that uses a business to business approach to change attitudes, overcome attitudinal barriers and promote the business imperative for including people with disabilities in the workforce, marketplace and supplier diversity.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support the work of a collaborative partnership, led by DC Metro Business Leadership Network, to create two virtual transition fairs to address college and careers transitions.

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## DC Special Education Cooperative

**Description:** Supports special education in DC public charter schools by cultivating high quality programs and professionals, collaborating to leverage resources and build capacity, and creating innovative special education programs and services.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## Disabled Sports USA

**Description:** Provides national leadership and opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop independence, confidence, and fitness through participation in community sports, recreation and educational programs.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## District of Columbia Department on Disability Services

**Description:** Provides innovative, high quality services that enable people with disabilities to lead meaningful and productive lives as vital members of their families, schools, workplaces and communities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Specialized Education

**Description:** Provides resources, support, and accountability for all public education in the District of Columbia.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## District of Columbia Public Schools, Office of Special Education

**Description:** Provides a practical, predictable and individualized transition process that educates students with disabilities regarding their post-secondary options and guide their independent decision-making regarding their future.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Dog Tag Bakery, Inc.

**Description:** Seeks to provide a transformative opportunity for veterans with disabilities by offering an education at Georgetown University and real life work experience in a small business venture, Dog Tag Bakery. Upon completion of the Dog Tag, Inc. (DTI) program, transitioned veterans are business ready, competitive and employable.

**Partnership:** Support for the Dog Tag, Inc. (DTI) program, a six-month training program that includes an academic education component and an experiential learning component with the goal of the helping veterans become business ready, competitive, and employable.

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## Easterseals

**Description:** Provides services, education, outreach and advocacy so that people with autism and other disabilities can live, learn, work and play in their communities. From child development centers to physical rehabilitation and job training for people with disabilities, Easterseals offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia, Inc.

**Description:** Promotes an independent living philosophy and equal access for all persons regardless of disability. Utilizes consumer control and peer-to-peer relationships to empower people with physical, mental, cognitive and sensory disabilities to direct their own lives.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of the ECVN Annual Awards Reception.

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## Family Voices

**Description:** Aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Provides families resources and support to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among families and professionals, and serve as a trusted resource on health care.

**Partnership:** Support of the 2016 Family Leadership Conference: Expanding our Reach, Impacting the Future.

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## George Mason University – LIFE Program

**Description:** The George Mason University offers more than 100 degree programs, including many innovative interdisciplinary programs that allow students to design personalized courses of study with faculty guidance. The Mason LIFE (Learning into Future Environments) Program is a supportive academic university experience offering a four year curriculum of study to post-secondary students, 18 to 23 years of age, with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

**Partnership:** Support to cover stipends for the LIFE Congressional Internship Program.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of the State of the Art Conference.

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## Girl Scouts Nation’s Capital

**Description:** A leadership development organization that builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of the leadership conference, Your Turn to Lead: Your Voice Matters via the Youth Transitions National Support Fund.

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## Goodwill of Greater Washington

**Description:** A nonprofit workforce development organization that educates, trains, employs and places people with disadvantages and disabilities, creating a stronger workforce and more vital community.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for Career Navigation Training Program which provides unemployed adults with disabilities with job readiness instruction, wraparound supportive services, and job placement services.

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## Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc.

**Description:** Community-based care management network coordinating health, long-term care, and social support services for members that include individualized care coordination, behavioral health services, outreach programs and respite care for Supplemental Security Income-eligible youth and young adults in Washington, DC. HSCSN is a subsidiary of The HSC Foundation.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support through the Therapeutic Recreation Fund for the Youth Athletic Program, designed to create opportunities where children and young adults with disabilities can participate in physical activities that encourage healthy lifestyles and the development of successful life skills.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## Institute for Educational Leadership

**Description:** Builds the capacity of individuals, organizations, systems and communities to work together to prepare all children and youth for post-secondary education, careers, and citizenship.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Kids Included Together

**Description:** Specializes in providing best practices training for community-based organizations committed to including children with and without disabilities into their recreational, child development and youth development programs.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Latin American Youth Center

**Description:** Empowers a diverse population of underserved youth to achieve a successful transition to adulthood, through multi-cultural, comprehensive and innovative programs that address social, academic and career needs.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## Linden Resources, Inc.

**Description:** Assists, supports and empowers people with disabilities to achieve employment, independence, and integration in the workplace and in the community. Linden provides a variety of labor-intensive services to meet both regional and national needs and employs almost 300 people with disabilities each year who want to learn job skills, become employed, and live as independently as possible.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation

**Description:** Helps young people with disabilities maximize their potential and participate in society. Provides national grants to projects and organizations throughout the United States that are focused on the full inclusion of young people with disabilities in society, giving preference to areas where Mitsubishi Electric facilities are located.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Montgomery College – Graduate Transition Program

**Description:** A multi-campus institution that serves nearly 60,000 students a year, through both credit and noncredit programs, in more than 100 areas of study. Montgomery College’s Graduate Transition Program is custom-tailored to help developmentally disabled students transition to greater independent living through developmentally appropriate educational employment training and life-skill services.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## Muscular Dystrophy Association

**Description:** Fighting every day to free individuals – and the families who love them – from the harmful effects of muscle-debilitating diseases so they can live longer and grow stronger.

**Partnership:** Affiliate of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health

**Description:** Devoted to education, research, policy analysis and technical assistance in support of improved health outcomes for adolescents and the infrastructure changes needed to achieve them.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## National Council on Independent Living

**Description:** As a membership organization, NCIL advances independent living and the rights of people with disabilities through consumer-driven advocacy. Members include centers for independent living, statewide independent living councils, and other organizations and individuals that advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for a Youth Transitions Fellowship, a paid fellowship position working closely with the Greater Washington Internship Coalition and the Youth Transitions Collaborative.

**Partnership:** Support for “Owning our Stories,” a workshop and community event for youth with disabilities intended to provide tools for self-empowerment for youth with disabilities searching for employment and have those tools apply to the job application process and workplace transitions.

**Partnership:** Support for Reach Out, a four-part workshop series that will address the requests for technical assistance to increase the awareness, skills, and resources of the members of the Youth Transitions Collaborative in the areas of Accessibility, Communications, Youth Engagement, and Fundraising / Development.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of youth scholarships for the 2016 Annual NCIL Conference via the Youth Transitions National Support Fund.

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## National Health Foundation

**Description:** Dedicated to improving and enhancing the healthcare of the underserved by developing and supporting innovative programs that can become independently viable, provide systemic solutions to gaps in healthcare access and delivery, and have the potential to be replicated nationally.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for joint fund development for the Youth Transitions Collaborative.

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## Physician – Parent Caregivers

**Description:** Empowers children and young adults with chronic medical conditions and disabilities, and their families, to obtain quality health care by building on the unique perspectives of physician-parents.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## PolicyWorks, Inc.

**Description:** Develops and applies innovative practices to make policy *work* for people with disabilities and seeks to foster a national dialog and build collaborative partnerships that maximize public, nonprofit and business sector resources.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for the development of an online toolkit, Pathways to Success, that facilitates student use of work incentives in the school to work transition in order to maximize student career connections upon graduation from high school or college.

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## Potomac Community Resources, Inc.

**Description:** Serves hundreds of individuals with developmental differences, their families and involved professionals through therapeutic, recreational, social and respite care programs for teens and adults, as well as information about community resources for families.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## Project ASCEND

**Description:** Creates higher education opportunities for marginalized and disadvantaged young people across the globe; providing college scholarships to low-income and disabled youth, funding for women's education programs, and support for mentorship groups and literacy programs.

**Partnership:** Support awarded through the 2015 recipient of Advocates in Disability Award provides for five (5) \$1,000 scholarships to disabled university and community college students in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

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## Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities

**Description:** Advocacy organization that is an independent catalyst for change in the lives of people of all ages with developmental disabilities. Quality Trust works with individuals and family members to solve problems, identify opportunities for learning and contribution, and find creative ways to make the most of each person's abilities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## SchoolTalk

**Description:** Prevents and resolves special education disputes in District of Columbia schools, working with school personnel and the parents or guardians of special education students to help ensure that everyone works collaboratively toward the goal of securing Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for students with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support the work of a collaborative partnership, led by SchoolTalk, to host youth transitions fairs that include career exploration programming.

**Partnership:** Support for an Intergenerational Dialogue project which will consist of a three-part dialogue series and concluding with a Lessons Learned webinar and reception. This project is intended to help young people with disabilities in the millennial generation understand real work expectations and responsibilities as well as to help the business community better understand the millennial generation.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of the 7th Annual Secondary Transition Forum: Voices of Change via the Youth Transitions National Support Fund.

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## Smithsonian Institution Accessibility Program

**Description:** Supports the Smithsonian in making all visitors feel welcome by providing consistent, effortless access to the Institution's programs, collections and facilities. Responsibilities include advising on and implementing policy, practices, and procedures related to access for people with disabilities; reviewing facility and exhibition designs; conducting outreach to the disability community and other cultural arts organizations; providing staff education on disability topics; and direct visitor services, including sign language interpretation, real time captioning, and alternate formats of publications.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for "Access to Opportunities" Internship Program for people with disabilities.

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## Student Veterans of America

**Description:** A coalition of student veterans groups on college campuses across the globe that provides military veterans with the resources, support and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education and following graduation.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Sunflower Bakery

**Description:** Prepares individuals with developmental or other cognitive disabilities for employment in baking and related industries through skilled, on-the-job training.

**Partnership:** Support for the Pastry Arts Training and Next Steps Employment Services Program, an on-the job employment training comprised of training in a production kitchen, employee development classes, and an off-site internship.

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## TASH

**Description:** Promotes the full inclusion and participation of children and adults with significant disabilities in every aspect of their community to eliminate the social injustices that diminish human rights.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of the 2016 Annual Conference, Gateway to Equity via the Youth Transitions National Support Fund.

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## The Arc of the United States

**Description:** Promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**CONTACT:**

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## The Arc Baltimore

**Description:** Serves as an indispensable resource, providing employment training and support, day and residential services, family support and education, treatment foster care, respite care, public policy advocacy, and information and referrals to more than 6,000 adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## The Arc Montgomery County

**Description:** Identifies, creates and sustains inclusive communities that embrace and engage individuals and families affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

**CONTACT:**

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## The Arc of Loudoun

**Description:** Maximizes the potential of children while supporting families and individuals with disabilities so that they may thrive in the community. A full-service organization with multiple programs that together provide an integrated and innovative learning environment for children of all ages and abilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

**CONTACT:**

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## The Arc of Northern Virginia

**Description:** Promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

**CONTACT:**

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## The Arc of Prince George's County

**Description:** Membership organization that offers a lifetime of support, understanding, and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and their families by providing support through a variety of programs and services that match each person's or family's individual needs.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

**Partnership:** Support for the Career Linkages to Employment Opportunities Program.

**CONTACT:**

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## The Arc of Southern Maryland

**Description:** Promotes community involvement, independence, and personal success for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Southern Maryland.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

**CONTACT:**

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## The Children's Partnership

**Description:** Focuses particular attention on the goals of ensuring that all children have the health care they need and that the opportunities afforded by computing devices and the Internet benefit all children and families. The Partnership is often on the intersection of federal and state policies in order to maximize the benefits for children and families and its work is designed to serve as useful demonstrations for other interested states.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**CONTACT:**

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## The Coordinating Center

**Description:** Provides multiple services for individuals with complex medical needs and disabilities, their families and others who support them to help them thrive in the homes and communities of their choosing.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**CONTACT:**

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## The George Washington University - Graduate School of Education & Human Development

**Description:** Prepares informed and skilled leaders through innovative teaching and learning practices that enhance and enrich theory, policy and practice by engaging in scholarly inquiry and research; promote equity, diversity and inclusion reflective of changing societies; create public and private partnerships; and advocate continuous self-examination and critical analysis.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for the HEATH Resource Center, a national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. HEATH serves as the official resource website for the National Youth Transitions Center.

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## The George Washington University Public Health Clinical Research Site

**Description:** Provides the best public health educational experience incorporating our core values of scholarship and leadership, scientific rigor and policy analysis, and training to foster the next generation of thought leaders, practitioners, policy makers and scientists who will transform public health worldwide especially for underserved and poor populations.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## The HSC Foundation

**Description:** Dedicated to improving access to services for individuals who face social and health care barriers due to disability, chronic illness, or other circumstances that present unique needs. The HSC Foundation has three operating subsidiaries: Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc., The HSC Pediatric Center and HSC Home Care, LLC.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## The HSC Pediatric Center

**Description:** A pediatric specialty hospital guided by a family-centered philosophy to provide rehabilitative and transitional care for infants, children, and young adults with complex health care needs and their families in a supportive environment. Programs are organized to provide for both inpatient and outpatient needs for a variety of medically complex conditions. The HSC Pediatric Center is a subsidiary of The HSC Foundation.

**Partnership:** Support through the Therapeutic Recreation Fund for the Kids in Action program for children with disabilities and their siblings, which offers year-round adaptive team sports, social events and health classes.

**CONTACT:**

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## The League for People with Disabilities

**Description:** Commits to offering individuals the opportunity to gain independence, increase self-sufficiency and to improve the quality of life.

**Partnership:** Sponsorship of Club1111, Step Up for Dance Equality Campaign

**CONTACT:**

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## The Ivymount School, Inc.

**Description:** A non-sectarian, non-public special education day school with an integrated approach to learning that includes educational programs and therapeutic services for more than 200 students, ages four through 21, whose disabilities include developmental delays, speech/language deficits, learning disabilities, health impairment, and autism/PDD.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

**Partnership:** Support to Ivymount Outreach Programs for the start-up costs for a new Project SEARCH site in partnership with the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Rehabilitation Services Administration and the Embassy Suites in Washington, DC.

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## The Nonprofit Centers Network

**Description:** Increases the capacity and effectiveness of the nonprofit sector by supporting the development and ongoing operations of multi-tenant nonprofit centers and other quality nonprofit workspace.

**Partnership:** Support for the Collaboration Project, which seeks to explore nonprofit collaboration and how it is defined, measured and evaluated in shared space.

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## The Treatment and Learning Centers, Inc. – Katherine Thomas School

**Description:** High school program utilizing a multi-sensory, developmental and language-intensive curriculum tailored to students in grades 9 through 12, with language and learning disabilities and/or high-functioning autism.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support to distribute goods and services to transitioning youth through the LEAP grant program.

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## The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars

**Description:** Creates transformational experiences for students that foster academic and professional achievement, leadership and civic engagement. Serves hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, DC for academic credit.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for a Civic Engagement Project around disability issues that helps students develop a greater understanding of the disability rights movement and current issues faced by the disability community.

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## Thurgood Marshall College Fund

**Description:** Partners with member-schools to increase access, retention and graduation rates of students; identifies and prepares students attending member-schools who have significant leadership potential; and creates a pipeline for employers to highly qualified member-school students and alumni.

**Partnership:** Support for the Inclusion Scholars Program, a program of disability inclusion at historically black colleges and universities.

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## TransCen, Inc.

**Description:** Organization dedicated to improving educational and employment outcomes for people with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for the Knowing Me Best: From Self-Advocacy to Disability Pride project, which consists of four (4) workshops concluding with a final event which is intended to help young people with disabilities better understand the various aspects of advocacy.

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## United Cerebral Palsy

**Description:** Educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities. Through an affiliate network, UCP works to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for “Engage: A Diverse Event Series,” a program to engage youth and young veterans with disabilities, with the overall goal of improving mutual awareness and understanding of both communities.

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## United States International Council on Disabilities

**Description:** Promotes the rights and full participation of persons with disabilities through global engagement and United States foreign affairs.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## US Business Leadership Network

**Description:** Helps business drive performance by leveraging disability inclusion in the workplace, supply chain, and marketplace. Serves as the collective voice of nearly 50 Business Leadership Network affiliates across the United States, representing more than 5,000 businesses.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

**Partnership:** Support for the Images Project, resulting in a gallery of stock photos of “real” people with disabilities that will be available to non-profit organizations.

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## Washington Area Women’s Foundation

**Description:** Mobilizes the community to ensure that economically vulnerable women and girls in the Washington region have the resources they need to thrive.

**Partnership:** Support for the Stepping Stones Initiative; including two-generation work serving low-income middle school aged girls and their mothers or female caregivers.

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## Wilderness Inquiry

**Description:** Connects people from all walks of life to the natural world through shared outdoor adventures. Through the medium of outdoor adventure travel, they inspire growth, enhanced awareness of the environment and community integration. They are all about access, inclusion and opportunity and operate in a manner that facilitates full participation by everyone, including people of all backgrounds, ages and abilities.

**Partnership:** Member of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, a group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young adults with disabilities.

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## Youth Transitions Collaborative Members

The Youth Transitions Collaborative is a membership group comprised of regional and national organizations with a commitment to serving youth and young people with disabilities. Facilitated by The HSC Foundation, the Collaborative provides direct services, expertise and guidance for the National Youth Transitions Center.

### Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.

[www.aje-dc.org](http://www.aje-dc.org)

### American Association of People with Disabilities

[www.aapd.com](http://www.aapd.com)

### Association of University Centers on Disabilities

[www.aucd.org](http://www.aucd.org)

### Autistic Self Advocacy Network

[www.autisticadvocacy.org](http://www.autisticadvocacy.org)

### Bridges from School to Work

[www.bridgestowork.org](http://www.bridgestowork.org)

### BroadFutures

[www.broadfutures.org](http://www.broadfutures.org)

### Children’s Brain Tumor Foundation

[www.cbtf.org](http://www.cbtf.org)

### Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

[www.clb.org](http://www.clb.org)

### Cornerstone Montgomery, Inc.

[www.cornerstonemontgomery.org](http://www.cornerstonemontgomery.org)

### DC Association of Special Education

[www.dcase.org](http://www.dcase.org)

### DC Metro Business Leadership Network

[www.dcmetrobln.org](http://www.dcmetrobln.org)

**DC Special Education Cooperative**

[www.specialedcoop.org](http://www.specialedcoop.org)

**Disabled Sports USA**

[www.disabledsportsusa.org](http://www.disabledsportsusa.org)

**District of Columbia Department on Disability Services**

[www.dds.dc.gov](http://www.dds.dc.gov)

**District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Specialized Education**

[www.ossesecondarytransition.org](http://www.ossesecondarytransition.org)

**District of Columbia Public Schools, Office of Special Education**

[www.dcps.dc.gov](http://www.dcps.dc.gov)

**Easterseals**

[www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com)

**Girl Scouts Nation's Capital**

[www.gscnc.org](http://www.gscnc.org)

**Goodwill of Greater Washington**

[www.dcgoodwill.org](http://www.dcgoodwill.org)

**Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc.**

[www.hscsn-net.org](http://www.hscsn-net.org)

**Institute for Educational Leadership**

[www.iel.org](http://www.iel.org)

**Kids Included Together**

[www.kitonline.org](http://www.kitonline.org)

**Latin American Youth Center**

[www.layc-dc.org](http://www.layc-dc.org)

**Linden Resources, Inc.**

[www.linden.org](http://www.linden.org)

**Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation**

[www.meaf.org](http://www.meaf.org)

**National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health**

[www.thenationalalliance.org](http://www.thenationalalliance.org)

**National Council on Independent Living**

[www.ncil.org](http://www.ncil.org)

**National Health Foundation**

[www.nhfca.org](http://www.nhfca.org)

**PolicyWorks**

[www.disabilitypolicyworks.org](http://www.disabilitypolicyworks.org)

**Potomac Community Resources, Inc.**

[www.pcr-inc.org](http://www.pcr-inc.org)

**Physician – Parent Caregivers**

[www.physicianparent.org](http://www.physicianparent.org)

**Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities**

[www.dcqualitytrust.org](http://www.dcqualitytrust.org)

**SchoolTalk**

[www.schooltalkdc.org](http://www.schooltalkdc.org) or [www.dctransition.org](http://www.dctransition.org)

**Smithsonian Institution Accessibility Program**

[www.si.edu/accessibility](http://www.si.edu/accessibility)

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[www.childrenspartnership.org](http://www.childrenspartnership.org)

### The Coordinating Center

[www.coordinatingcenter.org](http://www.coordinatingcenter.org)

### The George Washington University – Graduate School of Education & Human Development

[www.gsehd.gwu.edu](http://www.gsehd.gwu.edu) and [www.heath.gwu.edu](http://www.heath.gwu.edu)

### The George Washington University Public Health Clinical Research Site

[www.publichealth.gwu.edu/departments/epidemiology-and-biostatistics](http://www.publichealth.gwu.edu/departments/epidemiology-and-biostatistics)

### The HSC Foundation

[www.hscfoundation.org](http://www.hscfoundation.org)

### The Ivymount School, Inc.

[www.ivymount.org](http://www.ivymount.org)

### The Treatment and Learning Centers

[www.ttlc.org](http://www.ttlc.org)

### The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars

[www.twc.edu](http://www.twc.edu)

### TransCen, Inc.

[www.transcen.org](http://www.transcen.org)

### United Cerebral Palsy

[www.ucp.org](http://www.ucp.org)

### United States International Council on Disabilities

[www.usicd.org](http://www.usicd.org)

### US Business Leadership Network

[www.usbln.org](http://www.usbln.org)

### Wilderness Inquiry

[www.wildernessinquiry.org](http://www.wildernessinquiry.org)

## Strategic Alliances

### U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

**Description:** The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) was authorized by Congress in the Department of Labor's FY 2001 appropriation. Recognizing the need for a national policy to ensure that people with disabilities are fully integrated into the 21st Century workforce, the Secretary of Labor delegated authority and assigned responsibility to the Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy. ODEP is a sub-cabinet level policy agency in the Department of Labor, providing national leadership by developing and influencing disability employment-related policies and practices affecting an increase in the employment of people with disabilities.

[www.dol.gov/odep](http://www.dol.gov/odep)

Under the Alliance, ODEP and the Youth Transitions Collaborative exchange information, technical assistance and access to resources that help build the capacity of regional and national organizations to empower youth and young adults with disabilities to create a self-directed path to employment. Under the current Alliance, ODEP, the Youth Transitions Collaborative, and the Center for Health Care Transition Improvement exchange information, technical assistance and access to resources and focuses on demonstrating the linkages between the health care transition and employment transition fields.

**Outcome:** In July 2015, 25th Anniversary Celebration of the ADA, the Alliance released "Transition QuickGuide: Take Charge of Planning and Managing Your Own Health and Career Goals" for youth and young adults, including those with disabilities and chronic health conditions, from ages 12-30. In October 2015 for National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Youth Transitions Collaborative, Got Transition, and the ODEP-funded National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) at the Institute for Educational Leadership hosted a national webinar focused on sharing guidance, tools, and resources on the importance of career and health transition planning. The webinar and related resources are archived on the NYTC website.

### The National Council on Disability (NCD)

**Description:** NCD is an independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities. NCD is comprised of a team of Presidential and Congressional appointees, an Executive Director appointed by the Chairman, and eleven, full-time professional staff.

[www.ncd.gov](http://www.ncd.gov)

Under the Memorandum of Understanding, NCD and the Youth Transitions Collaborative focus on youth transition issues with a specific interest in raising awareness around the issues faced by students of color with disabilities.

**Outcomes:** In July 2015, hosted a congressional forum and reception that raised awareness about the Youth Transitions Collaborative and National Youth Transitions Center, NCD's efforts, and the 25th ADA Anniversary.

## Sponsorship Partners

### American Association of People with Disabilities

[www.aapd.com](http://www.aapd.com)

### Association of University Centers on Disabilities

[www.aucd.org](http://www.aucd.org)

### BroadFutures

[www.broadfutures.org](http://www.broadfutures.org)

### ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia, Inc.

[www.ecnv.org](http://www.ecnv.org)

### Family Voices

[www.familyvoices.org](http://www.familyvoices.org)

### George Mason University

[www.masonlife.gmu.edu](http://www.masonlife.gmu.edu)

### League for People with Disabilities

[www.leagueforpeople.org](http://www.leagueforpeople.org)

## Youth Transitions National Support Fund

Jointly funded by The HSC Foundation and the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation to support youth participation and/or programming at conferences and seminars related to the transition of youth with disabilities from school to work and independent living.

### Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.

[www.aje-dc.org](http://www.aje-dc.org)

### Autistic Self Advocacy Network

[www.autisticadvocacy.org](http://www.autisticadvocacy.org)

### Girl Scouts Nation's Capital

[www.gscnc.org](http://www.gscnc.org)

### National Council on Independent Living

[www.ncil.org](http://www.ncil.org)

### Schooltalk

[www.schooltalkdc.org](http://www.schooltalkdc.org) or [www.dctransition.org](http://www.dctransition.org)

### TASH

[www.tash.org](http://www.tash.org)

## Funding Partnership

The HSC Foundation and the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation have partnered to jointly fund the Advocates in Disability Award Program and the Youth Transitions National Support Fund. As members of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, both foundations are committed to supporting other Collaborative members so they may better serve youth and young adults with disabilities as they transition to adulthood and independence, as well as bring greater awareness to the transition process for those with disabilities.



# The HSC Health Care System

The HSC Health Care System is a nonprofit health care organization committed to serving families with complex health care needs and eliminating barriers to health services. The System combines the resources of a care coordination plan, pediatric specialty hospital, home health agency and parent foundation to offer a comprehensive approach to caring, serving and empowering individuals with disabilities.

[www.hschealth.org](http://www.hschealth.org)

## The HSC Foundation

The HSC Foundation is dedicated to improving access to services for individuals who face social and health care barriers due to disability, chronic illness or other circumstances that present unique needs. Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc., The HSC Pediatric Center and HSC Home Care, LLC are subsidiary organizations of the Foundation.

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## National Youth Transitions Center

Developed by The HSC Foundation, the National Youth Transitions Center brings together multiple organizations that focus on transitions-related services, research, policies and best practices to help young people with disabilities transition from adolescence to adulthood and school to work.

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## Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (HSCSN)

HSCSN is a dedicated health plan for Supplemental Security Income-eligible youth and young adults in the District of Columbia. Providing a comprehensive set of benefits for Medicaid recipients up to 26 years of age, the plan offers health, long-term care and social support services for members that include individualized care coordination, behavioral health services, outreach programs and respite care.

1101 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005  
[www.hscsn-net.org](http://www.hscsn-net.org) | Customer Care Services: 202.467.2737  
Outreach Services: 202.580.6485

## Life Skills Center

As a behavior health clinic, the Life Skills Center offers an array of services for HSCSN members, including screening for therapeutic and rehabilitative services, identifying and applying treatment goals, and medication management. The Center is a collaboration between HSCSN and Urban Behavioral Associates.

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## The HSC Pediatric Center

The HSC Pediatric Center is a pediatric specialty hospital that provides rehabilitation and transitional care to children and young adults from infancy through 21 years of age. The hospital is guided by a family-centered philosophy to not only help youth with complex medical issues, but assist the entire family in understanding and living with the challenges ahead.

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[www.hscpediatriccenter.org](http://www.hscpediatriccenter.org) | Switchboard: 202.832.4400 | Admissions: 202.635.6113

## The HSC Outpatient Center

An extension of The HSC Pediatric Center, The HSC Outpatient Center offers physical therapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, assistive technology evaluation and training, and an equipment clinic to provide individualized support and services.

4500 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD 20706  
Assistive Technology, Bracing & Equipment: 202.635.6167  
Therapy Services: 202.635.5580  
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## HSC Home Care, LLC

HSC Home Care, LLC is a CHAP accredited Medicare/Medicaid home health organization located and licensed in the District of Columbia that provides home care services to infants, children and young adults with complex medical conditions and disabilities. Care services are provided to clients in a familiar environment, in their home and in their community.

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HSC Home Care also operates as a residential service agency in Maryland, **HSC Health & Residential Services**, and provides focused care services in the home and in residential settings, such as skilled nursing care inclusive of well mom and baby visits and auxiliary services from certified nursing assistants and home health and personal care aides (license R3528).

8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 700, Landover, MD 20785 | Phone: 301.760.3350  
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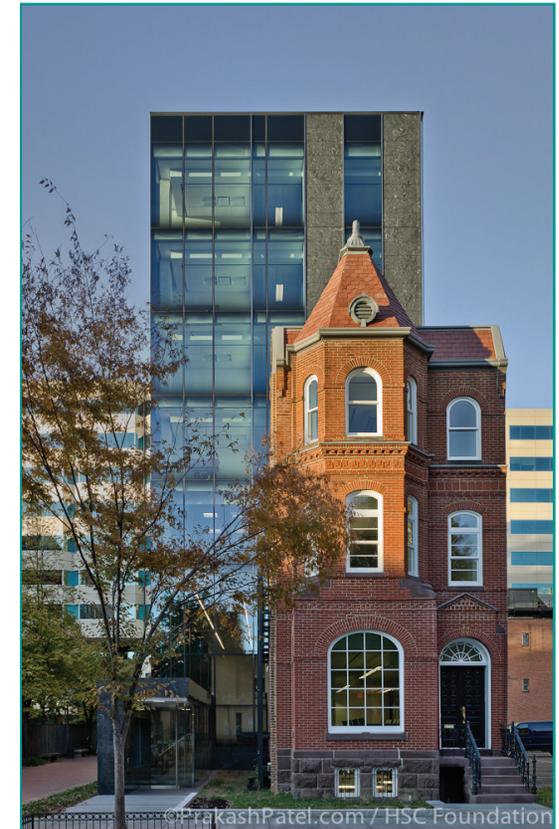
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## National Youth Transitions Center

Developed by The HSC Foundation, the National Youth Transitions Center (NYTC) brings together the collective resources of multiple organizations that focus on transitions-related services, research, public policy, best practices and innovative projects.

The NYTC is a mission-centered building dedicated to the youth transitions field. The NYTC houses multiple tenants who have a successful track record and interest in making a positive difference in the lives of youth and young people with disabilities. The National Youth Transitions Center offers access to three conference spaces for members of the Youth Transitions Collaborative, partners of the NYTC, and other organizations that offer transitions-related programming.

The Center is a forum to enhance the ability of young people with disabilities to enter the workforce and to participate in and contribute to community life.



**More than a building...**

**A collaborative learning community to benefit youth and young people with disabilities.**

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