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Description & Purpose of the Leadership Council

The National Youth Transitions Center is guided by a Leadership Council made up of the senior executives of the Youth Transitions Collaborative. The purpose of this Council is to provide a cadre of senior executives who can guide programming and act as advocates and spokespeople for the Collaborative and the National Youth Transitions Center. In addition, this Council assists in the invitation and hosting of influential speakers, researchers, advocates, media representatives and policy makers at the Transitions Center. This high-level group is responsible for specific tasks such as: reviewing the results of the annual evaluation of collaborative efforts; inviting experts and researchers to present best practices related to transitions to the YTC community; bringing policy makers to the YTC to inform them of transition issues; and more. As members of the Collaborative, Leadership Council members have already signed the community charter that states:

We, the Youth Transitions Collaborative members, embrace our role as vital contributors in the collaborative community, which ultimately seeks to empower youth and young people with disabilities to create a self-directed path to adulthood and employment. We believe in a shared philosophy and know this community of organizations is stronger together.