

YOUTH TRANSITIONS COLLABORATIVE

Because
the future
needs everyone

The Youth Transitions Collaborative is a powerful community of more than 45 organizations that share a common mission: to empower young people with disabilities as they enter adulthood and the world of work.

Bringing together the collective resources of regional and national organizations, the Collaborative focuses on transitions-related services, research, public policy, best practices and innovative projects to help young people with disabilities build paths to independence.



The Collaborative is facilitated by The HSC Foundation and provides direct services, expertise and guidance for the National Youth Transitions Center. Located in Washington, D.C., the Center is dedicated to the youth transitions field, specifically helping young people with disabilities confront obstacles as they transition from adolescence to adulthood and from school to work.

Collaborative members provide critical input to help shape and direct the National Youth Transition Center's planning, programming and advocacy. They also participate in working groups that provide further opportunities to partner on a variety of topics, including career preparation and employment.

The ultimate result is that Collaborative members learn together, build together and succeed together. And in doing so, they bring greater awareness to a shared cause and help change attitudes about people with disabilities. The future needs everyone, and the Youth Transitions Collaborative is helping to make that truth a reality.

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“Work Early, Work Often”

VIDEO SERIES

“Work Early, Work Often” is a video-based campaign created by the Youth Transitions Collaborative’s career preparation and management working group. Together, the three-part video campaign highlights the importance of work and work-based experiences in an individual’s transition to adulthood, particularly for young adults with disabilities. Each storyline focuses on a different subject and narrative, told from the perspective of key audiences that are part of the transition journey.

To watch the videos individually or as a series, visit thenytc.org or youtube.com/thenytc

All videos include open captioning and audio descriptions

YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

[Duration - 02:54]

Hear from a young professional how her early work experiences helped lead to long-term success.



EMPLOYERS OF YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

[Duration - 03:17]

Listen to employers discuss how exposing young adults with disabilities to real work experiences can help to meet the needs of a business and improve their bottom line.

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

[Duration - 03:30]

Watch a powerful story unfold as a mother describes “letting go” when her son entered the world of work.



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The Youth Transitions Collaborative’s career preparation and management working group includes representatives from: Bridges From School to Work (a Marriott Foundation program), Goodwill of Greater Washington, Ivymount School, Inc., Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, The HSC Foundation, The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, and the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy.

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