



Under the Kansas Youth Transition Network (KYTN) Grant, partner organizations are encouraged to create councils across the state, involving the required partners: Federally Funded Centers for Independent Living (CILs), State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies (SVRAs), and Local Education Agencies (LEAs), State Educational Agencies (SEAs). Independence, Inc. is the Federally-funded Center for Independent Living in our local council - the Youth Transition Alliance of Wyandotte County.

**The purpose of local youth transition councils is to**

- encourage collaboration, innovative and out-of-the-box thinking among service providers
- build innovative, robust services and service delivery systems
- create networks of service providers, families, youth, school staff and educators, and community members interested in youth transition
- raise awareness about youth transition services and programs
- engage our communities in the work we do
- recruit youth and student advocates

We do all of the above by meeting as a cohesive team every month, attending local events, connecting with the community, hosting informational booths and tables, providing referrals to member organizations and community providers, providing Professional Development Days to school districts, and collaborating on new and innovative programs and services.

**We are always recruiting additional members to join our council! We are especially interested in youth and young adults with disabilities, community members and other stake holders. Visit our FB Page and follow our activities and please contact us with any questions, interest in Professional Development Days or any interest in joining our council!**

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