

KS Youth Transition Network serving Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS Public Schools

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What types of assistance and support do we offer?

We work with youth ages 10 and up to:

● help students identify areas of personal

- strengths and interests
- hopes for the future
- ideas and goals
- barriers to any of these goals

● encourage and help shape

- community involvement and engagement
- school involvement
- healthy relationships and peer support
- self-determination and self-advocacy
- communication skills
- healthy living

● help identify and present opportunities to

- volunteer or intern
- find community activities
- engage in clubs/extracurricular activities
- create hobbies
- find and apply for job opportunities
- identify peer support opportunities

● teach vocational, educational and life skills including

- study skills and note taking
- resume writing and interviewing
- networking
- understanding body language/eye contact
- budgeting/money management
- conflict resolution
- self-advocacy
- cleaning, organizing
- time management
- and more!

Kansas Youth Transition Network provides extended Youth Transition Services within Wyandotte County to assist and support youth with disabilities ages 10-21.

All of our services are FREE!

work on
interpersonal
skill-building

Grow in
confidence & set
goals

self-advocate
at IEP and 504
meetings

work towards
post-high school
employment or
higher education

Become
independent!

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What counts as a disability?

Anything that YOU consider a disability!

We are not a medical model and do NOT need any formal documentation of a disability

We work with students who experience:

- high anxiety
- depression
- dyslexia
- sensory perception disorders (lights, sounds, touch etc.)
- Autism
- learning disorders
- ADD/ADHD
- developmental disability
- body movement disorders
- physical disability
- low vision
- Deaf/hard of hearing
- Difficulty with test-taking
- speech difficulties
- Any other experience that creates a barrier to learning and thriving in your educational setting!

Who are we?

Independence, Inc. is a Center for Independent Living (CIL), established in 1978 in Lawrence, KS. Every county in the nation is covered by a CIL and receive funding from state and federal agencies to provide services in our counties. We cover Douglas, Jefferson, Franklin counties and have now expanded into Wyandotte and Johnson counties. Our Kansas Youth Transition Network Program is available to all youth in Wyandotte County.

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How do we deliver our services?

We provide **FREE** individual, group and in-school/in-class training and workshops. We can meet one-on-one in a student's home, in our office at the Legends, or in school. We can attend IEP or 504 meetings, facilitate peer groups and group trainings and we can partner with service providers you may already be working with like Pre-Ets, Voc Rehab, Project Search and others.

Who do we partner with?



We are part of the Youth Transition Alliance of Wyandotte County - a council of dedicated youth service providers, students, families and advocates who understand the need for support services that remove barriers to independence and a thriving education experience for people with disabilities.



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