

AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE

BETWEEN

the OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

the YOUTH TRANSITIONS COLLABORATIVE

AND

THE CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE TRANSITION IMPROVEMENT

The U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), the Youth Transition Collaborative (the Collaborative), and The Center for Health Care Transition Improvement (Got Transition) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to promote the employment of youth and young veterans with disabilities, including those who have chronic health conditions. ODEP, the Collaborative, and Got Transition hereby form an Alliance to provide the Collaborative's members and other stakeholders with information, technical assistance, and access to resources that will help build the capacity of regional and national organizations to empower youth and young veterans with disabilities to create a self-directed path to integrated employment and optimal health and well-being.

ODEP, the Collaborative, and Got Transition will work together to achieve the following goal and objectives:

Goal: Demonstrate the linkages between the health-care transition and employment transition fields.

Objectives:

- Leverage Alliance members' networks and websites to disseminate career planning and health-care transition resources.
- Identify and develop resources regarding the interdependence between health and well-being, career exploration, and employment.
- Increase education and outreach opportunities to engage health-care providers and other youth-service professionals, youth, and families in health-care and employment transition planning.

Alliance Implementation

An implementation team made up of representatives of the Alliance organizations will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. In addition, they will meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goal and objectives of the Alliance. Team members will include representatives of ODEP's divisions and any other appropriate representatives. The points of contact for the respective parties are as follows: **ODEP:** Laura Ibañez, Policy Advisor, Workforce Systems Youth Policy Team; **HSCF:** Ryan Easterly, Manager, National Youth Transitions Initiative; and **GOT TRANSITION:** Margaret McManus, President, The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health.

General Alliance Provisions

ODEP's Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary, cooperative relationship that supports shared goals and furthers the national dialogue on employing people with disabilities. In accordance with that understanding, the following provisions apply:

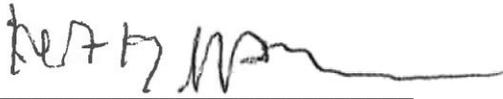
- This Alliance agreement will remain in effect for two years.
- By entering into an Alliance with a party, ODEP is not endorsing any products or services of that party; nor does the Agency enter into an Alliance with the purpose of promoting particular products or services of any party.
- This agreement may be modified in writing at any time with the concurrence of all signatories.
- All disputes arising under this agreement will be resolved by consultation between the parties.
- Any signatory may terminate this agreement for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days' written notice.
- This agreement is not intended to legally bind the parties, nor is it intended to confer any right upon any private person.

Nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted as limiting, superseding or otherwise affecting each party's normal operations or decisions in carrying out its statutory or regulatory duties. This agreement does not limit or restrict the parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other entities.

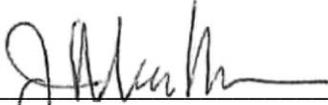
This agreement does not itself authorize the expenditure or reimbursement of any funds. Nothing in this agreement obligates the parties to expend appropriations or enter into any contract or other obligations.

Signatures

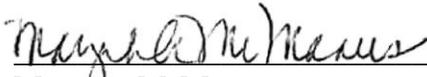
In signing this Alliance, ODEP, HSCF, and The Center for Health Care Transition Improvement demonstrate their commitment to the employment, retention and advancement of people with disabilities and to the goal and objectives described above.



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