Why Do Transition Age Youth & Young Adults with Serious Mental Health Conditions (SMHC) Need More Attention?

- There are between 2.9-6.5 million 14-30 year olds with SMHC in this country.
- Less than ½ of transition age youth and young adults with SMHC finish high school.
- Only 50% of transition age youth and young adults with SMHC are employed.
- Few states have succeeded in offering developmentally appropriate services.


The Learning and Working Transitions RTC

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The Future of the Consumer Movement: Young Adults

Mentoring

• Navigate the System
• How to Get Heard
• Getting & Holding a Job
  • Advocacy
  • Setting an Example
  • Being a Role Model for Recovery

Adults & Young Adults: Getting to Know Each Other

• Differences in Lived Experiences
• Using Technology
• Sharing the Voices of Your Time

Young Adult Voice: Making it Real

• Advocacy
• Education & Training
• Involvement in all Stages of Research, Policy and Planning
  • Peer-Run Programs
  • Peer Support

For young adults: http://voices4hope.wikispaces.com/
The Transitions RTC is a national effort that aims to:

**Improve Supports For Transition Age Youth & Young Adults Who:**

- are between the ages of 14 and 30
- have a serious mental health condition
- want to complete schooling and training to move into rewarding work lives.

**Principles:**

- support transition age youth and young adults as students, learners & workers
- examine ways for programs to address the unique needs of transition age youth and young adults
- partner with transition age youth and young adults to conduct research and share our findings