Brainstorm Bank of Partner Organizations

Where do I start?

The following checklist includes partner organizations that Youth Transition Coordinators in Centers for Independent Living have recruited to be part of their networks. Some of these potential partners may have different names in your communities. Use this checklist as a starting point but be sure to add in other organizations that would be a good fit from your community.

☐ Businesses

☐ Local banks or other financial institutions for small funding opportunities or to teach financial skills	☐ Bowling alleys, parks, malls, pools, camps, community centers
☐ Walmart, Target, Costco, Home Depot, Lowes, or businesses that donate to local causes	☐ Grocery Stores
☐ Convenience Stores	☐ Cafeterias, Coffee shops, Restaurants
☐ Other:	

☐ Civic Organizations

☐ Local Service organizations such as Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Sertoma, etc.	☐ Chamber of Commerce/Town Hall

☐ Colleges, Universities, and Technical Schools

☐ Disability advocacy groups	☐ Prep programs
☐ Disability student services	☐ Departments that are preparing students to work with people with disabilities (special education, social work, psychology, rehabilitation, communication disorders, disability studies)
☐ Hang out areas (cafeterias, student unions, libraries, college convenience stores, dorms)	☐ Other:

☐ Community Organizations

☐ Adaptive sports programs or gyms	☐ Support groups for people with disabilities
☐ Big Brother/Big Sister	☐ Tutoring programs
☐ Boys and Girls Club	☐ Disability Resource Centers
☐ Disability specific camps and other summer programming	☐ Diversity organizations such as LGBTIQA+ Alliances, NAACP, Hispanic/Latinx organizations, Black Lives Matter, Asian, Native American, etc.
☐ Faith Based Organizations, Youth Groups	☐ Easter Seals
☐ Foster groups	☐ VSA arts
☐ Girl/Boy Scouts	☐ YMCA or YWCA
☐ Libraries	☐ Youth Leadership Forums
☐ Parent groups and organizations that serve parents of young people with disabilities	☐ Youth homes (group homes)

☐ Special Olympics	☐ Other:

☐ **Health Related Professionals and Organizations**	
☐ Personal Care organizations that provide personal care services for people with disabilities	☐ Medical practices
☐ Rehab centers and physical therapists	☐ Managed care organizations
☐ Hospitals	☐ Mental health organizations
☐ Specialty clinics	☐ Other:

☐ **Media outlets such as radio stations, newspapers, and city blogs of upcoming events**	

☐ **State/Local Government**	
☐ Child Development Center (CDC)	☐ Police departments to assist with safety workshops
☐ Department of Public Instruction/State Department of Education	☐ Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
☐ Division of Blind Services	☐ Local community workgroups such as committees that work on issues impacting students with disabilities, or groups that are concerned with affordable accessible housing
☐ Division of Workforce Development	☐ Schools for the Deaf
☐ Home Community Based Services	☐ Schools for the Blind
☐ Human Services	☐ Youth Corp and other hands on job training programs
☐ Parks and Recreation, Recreation Centers, Park District (Ask to add more summer programs)	☐ Other:

☐ **Schools**	
☐ After school programs	☐ Parent Teacher Association's (PTA)
☐ Clubs	☐ Special Education departments
☐ Flagship	☐ Transition Fairs
☐ Hallways	☐ Transition Specialists
☐ Other:	

☐ **Transportation**	
☐ Bus Stations	☐ Paratransit Buses
☐ Other:	