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TASH Awarded Federal Grant

TASH is awarded federal grant by the Administration for Community Living

WASHINGTON, DC – This September, TASH was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$1,967,087 by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) within the Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide training and technical assistance to state intellectual and developmental disabilities delivery systems.

“TASH is thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to enhance employment opportunities of youth with disabilities,” said Ruthie-Marie Beckwith, TASH’s executive director. “We are looking forward to working with our colleagues at TransCen, Inc. and all of the leaders and stakeholders in our Partnerships in Employment states with the on-going support of the Administration for Community Living.”

The purpose of the project is to design and implement a training and technical assistance center that will improve competitive, integrated employment outcomes for transition-aged youth and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). TASH will work with TransCen, Inc. to increase collaboration among state agencies, transition professionals, employers and direct service providers to increase integrated employment and decrease sheltered work.

Effective on September 1, 2016, the project, Youth Employment Solutions (YES) Center, will be led by TASH in partnership with TransCen Inc.

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A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, TASH is an international grassroots leader in advancing inclusive communities through research, education and advocacy. Founded in 1975, we are a volunteer-driven organization that advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with the most significant disabilities and support needs – those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. The inclusive practices we validate through research have been shown to improve outcomes for all people. More information about TASH can be found at www.tash.org.