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2015-2016 Youth Transitions Fellow Announced

Washington, D.C. (August 20, 2015) – Keri Gray of Longview, Texas has been selected as the 2015-2016 Youth Transitions Fellow at the [National Council on Independent Living](#) (NCIL), the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities.

Funded by [The HSC Foundation](#), the Youth Transitions Fellowship provides a young person with a disability an opportunity to gain professional experience in a position designed to improve coalitions and youth-based programs. The HSC Foundation partnered with NCIL and funded the fellowship as part of its mission to help young people find self-directed paths to adulthood and employment.

As the Youth Transitions Fellow, Gray will facilitate collaboration among internship, fellowship and apprenticeship programs for people with disabilities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. She will also support projects that benefit young people by partnering with the [Youth Transitions Collaborative](#), a member organization that works to empower young people with disabilities as they enter the world of work.

“Serving as this year’s fellow will give me the opportunity to help navigate youth into understanding their ability to work in all levels of organizations,” said Keri Gray, 2015-2016 Youth Transitions Fellow. “I am excited to work directly with the [Greater Washington Internship Coalition](#), [NCIL’s Youth Caucus](#), and youth transition coordinators at independent living centers to establish a stronger foundation for young people with disabilities moving into adulthood.

Gray earned bachelor degrees in political science and communication, as well as a master’s degree in communication, from Abilene Christian University. While in graduate school, she completed her thesis on intersecting identities, including identifying as a person with a disability. She joins a team of advocates in NCIL’s office at the [National Youth Transitions Center](#) for the one-year fellowship.

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