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Dear Jaclyn,

Abilities in Motion is pleased to publish the first Children and Youth Services Division newsletter focusing on news and resources for students with disabilities. This month's newsletter is brief, but future issues will include many monthly features. If you have any additions, please feel free to contact Jaclyn at 610-376-0010 x 104.

Independent Living Webinar

Independent Living Resources:

Make Your Mark

and Make a Difference!

Thursday, April 10, 2014

7:00-8:00pm EST

The National Youth Leadership Network is proud to announce two new learning tools: a curriculum and a training guide, both of which focus on independence and Independent Living.

- "Making My Mark: Independent Living 101" intended to introduce independent living to young people or those just learning about the IL Movement
- "Disability and Rural Communities: Making a Difference in Small Towns" intended to empower people with disabilities who live in rural communities

Register Here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BC2ST67>

All are welcome: youth activists, family members,

IL Center representatives, educators, community allies

"Making My Mark: Independent Living 101" was made possible by a grant from The HSC Foundation and supported by the National Youth Transitions Center and the Youth Transitions Collaborative. "Disability and Rural Communities: Making a Difference in Small Towns" was made possible by a grant from the Center for Rural Strategies.

National Youth Leadership Network

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Your Voice Matters

Do you know of or are you part of a group that supports people with disabilities?

Do you want to be a part of a new disability services agenda?

Pennsylvania needs you! Your Voice Matters!

LVCIL is searching for disability groups from all over Pennsylvania who would like to share their thoughts and opinions about the current status and future of disability services! Your Voice Matters!!

What will happen?

- LVCIL staff will contact your group leaders to discuss the project further
- A date will be set where LVCIL staff will come to one of your group meetings.
- Your group will participate in A Conversation About the Future. The session will be structured in a person centered planning model and will run no longer than 2 hours.
- The format of the meeting and questions that will be asked will be given to the group before the meeting date so the group can have time to prepare and think about the questions.
- Different disability groups from around the Commonwealth will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions
- Information collected from the groups will be reviewed and assembled into a report / presentation
- Facilitators will return (after about 1 year) to meet with the groups to present the information that was collected. At that meeting, groups will offer recommendations on how they feel disability services can improve in the future.

Information and recommendations will be used to advocate and influence disability services decision makers and potential funding sources.

This is not another meeting! Your Voice Matters!

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact LVCIL staff at 610-770-9781 or paulfogle@lvcil.org

Communities of Practice

Community of Practice for Transition webinars and materials are being added to the

The webinar recordings themselves are usually posted about a month after the event - because it takes time to get them closed captioned.

Perhaps arrangements could be made for staff to watch selected webinars for Act48 credit at your school?

In addition to the webinars - you'll find some great resources at this link - even if you can't watch the whole webinar.

Books of Interest

The 3rd edition of the book "The Road Ahead: Transition to Adult Life for Persons with Disabilities" which is available at <http://www.iospress.nl/book/the-road-ahead>. We have tried to make this book a practical "how to" text for teachers and other practitioners. It is available with a 50% discount until the end of March 2014 when you use the promo code "RoadAheadPromo" (without quotation marks) at checkout.

Stay tuned for next month's issue. Please feel free to contact me with feedback and thoughts.

Sincerely,

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