



Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.

The Parent Training and Information Center for the District of Columbia

November 2011

Dear Parents:

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc. (AJE) has launched a new initiative under the Transition Advocacy Project. The Self-Determination and Advocacy Program (SDAP), scheduled to begin December 6, 2011, is a program set to promote and support self-advocacy, self-determination and involvement in educational and medical decision making in transition aged youth and young adults. Similar to other AJE programs, SDAP serves to empower youth and young adults through mentorship opportunities, workshops, and real-life application.

To be eligible to participate in the Self-Determination and Advocacy Program participants must:

- Be between the ages of 14-30
- Be a youth or young adult with a developmental disability
- Complete the application enclosed

Some of the workshops will cover the following topics:

- Self-confidence, pride and creativity
- Ability to initiate and take action when needed
- Assuming a meaningful role in the transition planning process
- Involvement in postsecondary education and work-related self-advocacy
- Activities to understand the unique healthcare needs

The Self-Determination and Advocacy Program will last approximately 11 months and will end with a graduation ceremony. Throughout the last half of the program, participants will work with a mentor, contribute to a youth transition website, and attend a transition conference.

To join this new program, please complete the AJE Self-Determination and Advocacy application and send via e-mail or fax to Ms. Tirza L. Buelto, Project Director, at Tirza.buelto@aje-dc.org or fax to 202-291-2225. You may also submit your application in person at any AJE location. For more information, please contact Ms. Buelto at 202-265-1432.

Sincerely,

Tirza L. Buelto
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Self-Determination and Advocacy Program Application

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Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

School: _____

Disability: _____

Best Method of Communication: ___ E-mail ___ Home Phone ___ Cell Phone

Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Date



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The Transition Advocacy Project @ AJE

Presents...

THE SELF-DETERMINATION AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM



TOPIC:

**A SENSE OF SELF:
STRENGTHEN YOUR SELF-EVALUATION SKILLS, SELF-
CONFIDENCE AND SELF-AWARENESS!**

Time (per age group):

Ages 14-17– 12/6/11 @ 5:30-7:00PM

Ages 18-24– 12/13/11 @ 5:30-7:00PM

at 4201 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20011

Refreshments will be served!

Contact:

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