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Employed in the healthcare industry
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WHEN WE ENCOUNTER SITUATIONS IN LIFE THAT MAKE US FEEL AT A DISADVANTAGE, WE CAN BECOME INTIMIDATED AND ALLOW DECISIONS TO BE MADE FOR US.

IF WE HAVE A DISABILITY, WE MAY ALREADY FEEL THAT WE ARE NOT IN CONTROL OF OUR OWN DESTINY. DEALING WITH THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, STATE AGENCIES AND INSURANCE ISSUES CAN BE OVERWHELMING.

ADD TO THIS THE DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING APPROPRIATE HOUSING, MANAGEABLE TRANSPORTATION AND DESIRABLE EMPLOYMENT AND THE PROBLEM BECOMES EVEN MORE COMPLEX.

FOR YOUTH IN TRANSITION, LEAVING HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHETHER FOR SCHOOL OR EMPLOYMENT, IS ALSO A THREATENING PROSPECT. THEY HAVE LIVED WITH PARENTS AND TEACHERS MANAGING EVERY ASPECT OF THEIR LIVES. NOW THEY NEED TO DO IT THEMSELVES.

ANNETTE BOURBONNIERE WILL USE HER EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESS, INCLUDING WORKING WITHIN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, YEARS OF HAVING A DISABILITY, AND MEMBERSHIP ON COMMITTEES, COUNCILS AND BOARDS TO PROVIDE SOUND STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH LIFE SITUATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. SHE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP YOU BE IN CONTROL OF THE DECISIONS MADE IN YOUR LIFE.

Healthcare

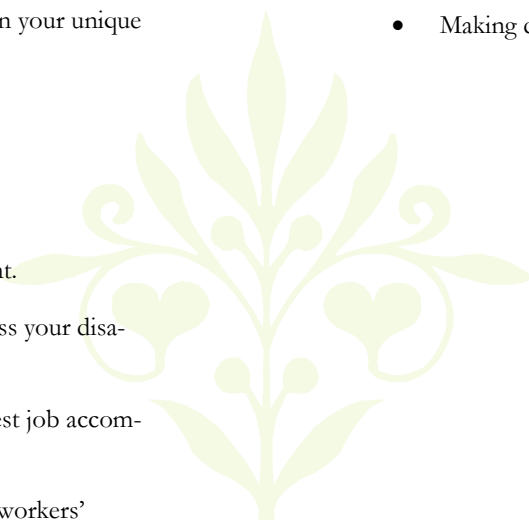
- Becoming a partner with your healthcare provider.
- Incorporating the needs of your disability with other healthcare needs.
- Finding information that benefits you particularly.
- Making choices based on your unique needs and tolerances.

Employment

- Finding the job you want.
- When and how to discuss your disability.
- When and how to request job accommodations.
- Responding to your co-workers' questions.

Youth in Transition

- Identifying needs in post high school setting.
- When and how to talk about your disability.
- Letting your professors know what you need to succeed.
- Making decisions that benefit you.



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