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| **Long Term Project Reference Guide** |
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In Sept you will present results of your long term project. The project should be something that makes a change in the lives of people with disabilities in DC. It is your opportunity to pursue an area of interest. You will have a guidance from DC AP staff (and fellow Partners) along the way!

The first step is to pick a project to work on.

* Something that can be completed in about 7 months OR
* Something that is the first part of a larger project (but has some goals that can be achieved in 7 months) OR
* Something that is the next step in work you are already doing

Sample project ideas:

* Work with your church leaders to improve physical or cultural accessibility
* Organize an inclusive group, e.g. bowling team, book club, exercise program, etc.
* Work on a disability platform for a local political candidate
* Work with schools to improve transition planning for students with disabilities
* Map all accessible recreation opportunities, literacy programs, or other area in DC
* Work with a local playground (or daycare provider or apartment complex) to make it accessible
* Work with Metro to publicize their orientation program for riders with disabilities
* Develop an emergency plan for your work site or apartment building that includes the needs of people with disabilities
* Work with your job to set up a summer work experience for youth with disability
* Work with your medical provider to help make the facility accessible

**What we don’t want:** a research paper or presentation on an area of interest. You should go out in your community to make this project a success!

In thinking about the possible topic for a project, try to answer these questions:

* If all goes well, what will the outcome be?
* What will have changed?
* Who will benefit from this change?
* What should you do first to get started?