The purpose of the Community Involvement assignments is to connect the work you are doing in class with the work of the broader disability community, both in DC and nationally. Each month, you will be expected to complete three parts to the Community Involvement: 1. Use Your Resources; 2. Explore the Community; 3. Prepare for What’s Ahead. You will be given several options within the Community Involvement so that you can select activities that are of interest to you. You will then answer a few questions about what you did this month and you turn these in at the next session.

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**There are 3 sections in this assignment. Pick one activity from each of the three sections.**

**Section 1: Use Your Resources**

Review your resource packet and select one of the resources of interest to you. Answer the Section 1 questions about the resource on the Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet.

**Section 2: Explore the Community**

There are many organizations and associations that you need to learn about. Pick the one (or more!) of interest to you or pick an event to attend from the event section of the packet and answer the Section 2 questions about it on the Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet.

**A.** **The DC Developmental Disability Council**: 202.481.3879 or <http://ddc.dc.gov/> Find out what the DD Council does, in addition to funding DC AP.

**B.** **The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)**: 202.457.0046 or <http://www.aapd.com>/

**C**. **The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)**: 202.207.0334 or <http://www.ncil.org/> and **DC’s Center for Independent Living (DCCIL)**: 202.388.0033 <http://www.dccil.org/>

1. **TASH**: 202.540.9020 or [www.tash.org](http://www.tash.org).

**C.** **Quality Trust**: 202.448.1450 or www.dcqualitytrust.org/

**D.** **Advocates for Justice and Educations (AJE)**: 202.678.8060 or [http://www.aje-dc.org/](http://www.aje-dc.org/programs/training)

**E. National Disability Rights Network:** 202.408.9514 or <http://www.ndrn.org/>  **University Legal Services (ULS)**: 202.547.0198 or <http://www.uls-dc.org/>

**Section 3: Prepare for What’s Ahead**

Next month’s topic is on Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities in the 21st Century and Service Coordination which covers a broad range of topics. Pick one of the options below to learn more about in preparation for next month and answer the Section 3 questions about it on the Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet.

* 1. Visit the website for the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities <http://www.acl.gov/Programs/AIDD/DD_History/index.aspx> to read the definition of who is covered under the Developmental Disabilities Act (DD Act) (under the section titled Background and Expanding Eligibility). Think about the definition of who is covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act we learned about in January and describe how the DD Act definition is similar and different.
  2. Visit the website for the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities <http://www.acl.gov/Programs/AIDD/DD_History/index.aspx> to read about the programs established by the Developmental Disabilities Act (DD Act). What are the six programs? How can you find out which organizations house these programs in DC?
  3. Visit the DC Department on Disability Services website to find out what Service Coordination is <http://dds.dc.gov/page/service-coordination>. What is one way that DC tries to provide unique services for each person with a disability’s individual needs?

**Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet**

**You will hand in this form at the February Session**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please write up the answers to the questions you have selected. This must be handed in at the February DC AP session. If you have any questions or need any assistance, call or email Dana (202.822.8405x132) [finkd@iel.org](mailto:finkd@iel.org), Frances (202.822.8405x121) Sherri (703.532.4843) [coles.sherri@gmail.com](mailto:coles.sherri@gmail.com), or Suzanne (703.241.0386) [suzanneripley@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneripley@gmail.com).

**Section 1.** Choose one of the items and answer these questions:

1. Which resource did you select? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How did the information in this resource add to what you learned in class? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How will you use this information in your advocacy work? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2**

* + 1. Which organization did you explore? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    2. What does this organization do and who does it represent?

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* + 1. Does this organization have conferences, meetings, or training events?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

* + 1. Did you sign up to receive news or information from this organization?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ There is nowhere to sign up \_\_\_\_\_

* + 1. If you attended an event, did you testify, ask questions or talk to anyone?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3**

1. Which option did you select? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Answer the question asked in the option you selected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_