**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 events in the community that are relevant to disability advocacy. Choose one (or more!) events to attend from the event section of the packet or from below and answer the Section 2 questions about it on the Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet.

1. Listen to self-advocates tell their stories [www.selfadvocacyonline.org/stories/](http://www.selfadvocacyonline.org/stories/)
2. Find your local Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) and attend a meeting.

ANCs consider a wide range of policies and programs affecting their neighborhoods, including traffic, parking, recreation, street improvements, liquor licenses, zoning, economic development, police protection, sanitation and trash collection, and DC’s annual budget. ANCs present their positions on issues to DC agencies, the mayor, and City Council. <http://anc.dc.gov/>

1. Attend a meeting of the State Board of Education (SBOE) or watch online. SBOE meets twice a month. Working sessions are held on the first Wednesday of the month 4:30-6:00pm and public meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, at 5:30pm. Working sessions are open to the public for observation only; you can testify at public meetings. Those who wish to comment at a public meeting are asked to notify SBOE staff in advance by phone at 202.741.0888 or by email at [sboe@dc.gov](mailto:sboe@dc.gov). Public meetings air live on District Knowledge Network (DKN) Comcast Channel 99, RCN Channel 18, and Fios Channel 12. Webcasts of public meetings should be posted within 10 days of each public meeting. <http://sboe.dc.gov/PAGE/SBOE-MEETING-INFORMATION>
2. DC Public Charter Schools board meetings and public hearings: check the calendar and attend, testify if possible <http://www.dcpcsb.org/factsheet/board-meetings-and-public-hearings>
3. Other events from the event section of your resource packet

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

Next month’s topic is on *Inclusive Education*. Choose a letter below to learn more about in preparation for next month. Answer the Section 3 questions about it on the Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet.

1. Check out DC’s school performance report card for last year to see how DC is doing and compares with other localities. Printed copies of the Report Card can be found at your public library. You can also phone 202.727.6436 and ask for a printed copy of the report card from the LearnDC program. [http://www.learndc.org/schoolprofiles/view#dc/reportcard](http://www.learndc.org/schoolprofiles/view%23dc/reportcard)
2. SchoolTalk is a DC-based non-profit organization that brings special education dispute prevention and early dispute resolution programs to DC schools. Learn about their work and resources <http://www.schooltalkdc.org/>
3. Learn about DC Charter Schools: <http://www.dcpcsb.org/what-charter-school> & FAQs that families and educators of students with disabilities have about charter schools <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/charters>
4. Learn about the Strong Start DC Early Intervention Program which serves as the single point of entry for infants and toddlers in Washington DC whose families have concerns about their development. <http://osse.dc.gov/service/strong-start-dc-early-intervention-program-dc-eip>
5. Learn about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/idea/>
6. IDEA requires state to offer formal processes to resolve conflicts arising between parents and schools. Check out the Dispute Resolution Parent Guide <http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/DRparentguides2014.cfm>
7. Learn about DC Public Schools Local School Advisory Teams. There is a team in every school made up of elected and community members and sometimes students. Read the guide and find out how to get involved. <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Files/downloads/COMMUNITY/Parents/LSAT-Guidelines-SY13-14.pdf>

**Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet**

**You will hand in this form at the April 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) [vhayf@iel.org](mailto:vhayf@iel.org), 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 event did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    2. What did you learn at this event?

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* + 1. Did you testify, ask questions, or talk to anyone at the event? If yes, what

did you talk about? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* + 1. Would you be interested in going to another event similar to this one?

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

**Section 3**

1. Which option did you learn about? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What particularly interested you about what you learned? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How will you use this information in your advocacy work?

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