A primary goal of DC Advocacy Partners is to make sure you have the opportunity to learn about disability policy, effective methods of being part of the decision making process and influencing policy, and meeting others who share your interests, concerns and dedication to improving the lives of people with disabilities living in DC. Homework is part of the learning process and will help you become a more effective advocate.

You have two assignments.

1. Take the note cards home and review them with your family and/or friends.
2. Make at least 4 more note cards about a success experience you or your son/daughter/family member has had. These can be any kind of success, such as a good grade, winning an award, learning a new skill, getting a job, making a new friend, getting a promotion, or finding a great apartment. Be sure to put the month and year this happened on each card. Anything that you still talk about will be good.
3. Then make at least 4 note cards about things that happened that disappointed you or made you angry. These would be things you think should not happen, such as being excluded from some activity, not getting the assistance you need, not being able to get to someplace, being shut out because of lack of accessibility you needed to get in, or not getting accommodations you needed in school or at work. Be sure to put the month and year this happened on each card.

We talked about why you signed up for DC Advocacy Partners and about what interested you in building your advocacy skills to improve the lives of people with disabilities living in DC. You heard what interested others in our group and heard their ideas.

1. Make a list of at least 4 things that interest you and need to be addressed in DC to improve the lives of people with disabilities. These are things that you believe need to be changed or get started here in DC. This could be in the area of education, housing, transportation, employment, recreation, community inclusion, or any other area you can think of. Everyone will read their list in class next time and then each of you will come up with activities to help you get involved in the areas that interest you most.

Be sure to bring your homework with you to our next session so we can discuss ideas for change.