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Dear Special Education Teacher and/or Designee,

The disAbility Resource Center is beginning the fourth year of its Youth Leadership Team. The Youth Leadership Team is designed for transition-aged students with disabilities of all types, age 17-22, who would like to learn about self-advocacy, legislative advocacy, and leadership. Our mission is to empower youth and young adults with disabilities to develop self-advocacy and leadership skills by defining life goals and promoting and participating in community advocacy. Students learn to advocate for themselves at IEPs and ITPs and provide testimony to legislators at the local and state level.

We are currently recruiting students to join the YLT for this school year. We are looking for students who want to learn how to advocate for themselves and others with disabilities and who would be willing to later lead other students at their school in developing school-based YLT teams. We are very interested in students of all disabilities participating. However, **they must be interested and able to learn and share their knowledge with others. Due to limited space, we will only be able to accept interested and committed students** on a first-come basis who have not already participated with YLT. Please identify those students who meet the criteria and/or distribute application packets to interested students, have students fill out the attached applications, Emergency Contact Form, and Release of Information form. Return the applications to me at the dRC by fax or mail as soon as possible. I can pick applications up at your school if needed.

Meetings will begin Tuesday, October 12, and will run weekly after school through the school year at the disAbility Resource Center. Transportation will be provided from school to the dRC in vans contracted from the Rappahannock Area on Aging, but students will need a ride home at 5:00 p.m. Information about YLT is provided to parents in the attached Parent Letter.

If there are any questions please contact me. I look forward to working with you and your students.

Sincerely,

Kim

Kim Lett
Deputy Director and
Youth Services – Transition Coordinator