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Promoting Membership in School, Work and Community

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WHO WE ARE...

The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, located at Rhode Island College, is part of a national network of programs to advance the opportunities of persons with developmental and other disabilities, their families and communities. Each program in this network is a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD).

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (the DD Act) requires each UCEDD to establish a consumer advisory committee. Though not your typical committee, the Sentinel Project is the consumer advisory committee for the Sherlock Center.

WHAT WE DO...

The Sentinel Project brings together individuals with disabilities and their family members to share their experiences with the Sherlock Center and one another.

By sharing, members have a voice in affecting the efforts of the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities and the lives of all persons with disabilities in Rhode Island.

A SENTINEL IS...

*an individual with a disability **OR** a family member of a person with a disability who is*

READY to make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities, *including his/her own.*

WILLING to share personal experiences.

ABLE to commit eight hours per year to meaningful participation in project activities.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN...

The Sentinel Project gives individuals and families a chance to:

Make your voice heard! What's most important to you in regard to disability?

Share and hear personal stories of those facing similar circumstances.

Use the resources and expertise of the Sherlock Center and it's staff. How can we help?

"It feels good to have the support of people who have been where I am. We have a greater impact as a group than we do when advocating alone."

Emily Lupica, Sentinel

HOW WE DO IT....

As a Sentinel, weigh in on what matters most to you in a variety of ways:

- **COMPLETE AN ANNUAL INTERVIEW.** Tell us about the greatest successes and challenges in your life. Help us decide what to target for change.
- **SENTINEL PROJECT WEB GROUP.** From the comfort of your own home, exchange ideas with other Sentinels and receive timely information from the Sherlock Center.
- **“SPOTLIGHT” MEETINGS.** At each meeting, give your take on a different “hot topic” in disability culture.
- **PARTICIPATE IN A SHERLOCK CENTER WORK GROUP.** Do you have a particular passion in the realm of disability (education, transition, employment, etc.)? Join a group to work toward specific goals in that area.

You may participate in the activities that are most convenient for you. Some members choose to do all of these; some choose to do only one.

AS A SENTINEL, YOU WILL...

- Develop an understanding of the core values and functions of the Sherlock Center on Disabilities.
- Share experiences, identify and discuss significant areas of need for individuals with disabilities and their families.
 - * Does the Sherlock Center address important issues in the state?
 - * If yes, are we doing so effectively?
 - * If no, what else can we do?
 - * What other organizations can we collaborate with to help meet that need?
- Use your knowledge of core values and functions of the Sherlock Center, and personal experiences and discussions, to contribute to the development and follow-through of a five year plan.
- Annually review and recommend revisions to the Sherlock Center’s five year plan.
- Lend expertise and advocacy skills to help maintain and develop functions and activities of the Sherlock Center.
- Advocate for the Sherlock Center.

TO BECOME A SENTINEL...

To become a member of the Sentinel Project, contact Jenny Goodrich, Sentinel Project Facilitator, at the Sherlock Center.

By Phone:

(401) 456-8072
(401) 456-4738 (direct line/voicemail)
(401) 456-8773 TDD

By E-mail:

jgoodrich@ric.edu

On-line:

Go to <http://www.sherlockcenter.org>

By Mail or Fax:

Complete and send the Sign Up Form to:

Jenny Goodrich
Sentinel Project Facilitator
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What’s Next?

The Sentinel Project Facilitator will contact you to confirm your membership and share information on upcoming meetings and activities.

SENTINEL PROJECT SIGN UP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Provide one of the following:

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Best time to contact you:

___ morning

___ afternoon

___ evening

Preferred method of contact:

___ phone ___ email

Affiliation:

___ Individual with a disability

___ Family member of a person with a disability