



MASSACHUSETTS ADVOCATES *for* CHILDREN

Apply to the Young Adult Leaders Fellowship Program!

In our program, young people with disabilities:

- Learn how laws are made here in Massachusetts.
- Talk to lawmakers at the State House about disability rights.
- Find out how students can ask for what they want at IEP and other meetings.
- Practice giving speeches and trainings about rights for people with disabilities.
- Learn how to work in an office setting.

Our fellowship is open to people in Massachusetts, ages 18 to 26, who have autism and/or intellectual disabilities. Fellows work part time for one year, supported by a lawyer and autism information specialist from Massachusetts Advocates for Children.

Why our program works:

- It gives real-life opportunities for young people to communicate effectively about their educational experiences, lives, and goals.
- When lawmakers meet young people with disabilities, they are more likely to pass laws to protect everyone's rights.
- The best way to improve your life and get what you want is to learn to speak up for yourself!

“I learned a lot about advocacy at MAC... Someone that does advocacy is someone that can think or do things to help themselves and so they can help others.”

**—Harry Goulart,
MAC Fellow**

Interested in applying? Great!

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