

### **YOUR EXPERTISE IS NEEDED!**

Arizona is a state with much diversity, and our multiculturalism is maximized when people who have diverse lived experience contribute their valuable insights and perspectives to impact the communities they represent. This kind of expertise is needed by organizations and systems across Arizona, and many are seeking out these experts.

The Engaging Families and Young Adults Program facilitates connections to ensure that diverse communities are represented where choices and decisions are made.



# THE ENGAGING FAMILIES AND YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAM IS

An opportunity for young adults and family members, who have diverse backgrounds and life experiences, to inform the policies and practices of the organizations and systems which impact the communities they represent.

#### **ADVISORS ARE**

A diverse group of family members, and young adults ages 18-26, including those who have disabilities, ongoing healthcare considerations, and a variety of diversities, who wish to represent the communities they identify with, who are trained and placed by Diverse Ability Incorporated and/or Raising Special Kids.





## ADVISOR ONBOARDING AND SUPPORT

Family and Young Adult Advisors receive training before being matched with organizations and systems, who want to involve these experts within their frameworks. Those organizations and systems are known as Placement Agencies. The Engaging Families and Young Adults Program coordinates, and provides support for each placement, on an ongoing basis.

#### **ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Placement Agencies may have a specific focus, or more broad initiatives, which they are trying to achieve. Each Placement Agency defines how they will incorporate Advisors into their work, and recognizes that having expert Advisors committed to influencing their direction, processes, and goals, will help them to feel confident in how they approach, prioritize, and complete their work.



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