



## Do You Want to Make a Difference?

### Inclusion Day Project

The Partnership for People with Disabilities at Virginia Commonwealth University is seeking motivated individuals to help develop a toolkit for schools to use for Inclusion Day.

Inclusion Day is a three-year project funded by the Virginia Department of Education through a grant awarded to the Partnership for People with Disabilities at Virginia Commonwealth University. A group of youth leaders developed an "Inclusion Day" proposal -- an activity-based approach with students directly involved in hands-on activities **to increase disability awareness so people can begin to become sensitive to people with disabilities thus decreasing incidents of bullying.**

The Inclusion Day Steering Committee needs your help to develop a toolkit that will be used by schools for Inclusion Day. Three workgroups are being formed – 1) elementary schools, 2) middle schools, and 3) high schools. Each workgroup will include several volunteers, at least two youth leaders who are members of the Inclusion Day Steering Committee, and a supporter to motivate and help the workgroup get their work done.

Workgroups will meet during the months of November, December, January and February. Almost all of the work by workgroup members will be done independently, with some bi-weekly or monthly conference call meetings. We estimate that each workgroup member will contribute about 8 hours a month. Stipends and mileage reimbursements will be available to reimburse costs of your participation on a workgroup.

Workgroup members are expected to:

- Participate on a webinar that explains the project
- Participate on workgroup conference calls
- Have access to a computer and the internet to do research on appropriate activities
- Complete assigned tasks
- Email completed tasks to the workgroup leader
- Complete a log in order to receive stipend/mileage reimbursements

**If you are interested in being a part of one of the workgroups, please email Jack Brandt at [brandtj@vcu.edu](mailto:brandtj@vcu.edu) by November 8<sup>th</sup>**

