



**Become a
Stakeholder
Today!**

Are you a professional, a person with a disability, or the parent of a person with a disability who wants to empower young adults with disabilities?



Would you enjoy offering your input for a youth led program that teaches self-advocacy, goal-setting, disability pride, independent living skills, and more?



Become an EQUIP stakeholder!

EQUIP is a Young Adult Leadership Group focused on empowering young adults with disabilities ages 13-28 to be self-advocates and community leaders. EQUIP is unique in its approach because it is led by young adults with disabilities who have faced similar barriers and can relate to the participants in a powerful way.



What is expected of a stakeholder?

We want to hear your ideas! EQUIP is constantly growing and evolving as a program. The behind-the-scenes work at stakeholder meetings helps to ensure that EQUIP continues to thrive as a youth driven leadership group while helping partner agencies to meet their own goals in youth leadership development!

When would we meet?

Stakeholder meetings take place once per quarter and can be attended in-person in Columbia or by phone.

"[YA input] is critical to our collective goal of building an inclusive and equitable community."

**Mike Teachey,
Greenville CAN**

"Provides the education, encouragement and support for youth and young adults to be the best that they can be."

**Valarie Bishop,
DD Council**

"Empowers young adults with disabilities transitioning into post-secondary education and the workforce"

**Mary Stevenson,
P&A**



Able SC is a Center for Independent Living (CIL), an organization not about "helping" people with disabilities, but built on the central concept of self-empowerment. It's a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross disability nonprofit that provides an array of independent living services.

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The mission of the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council is to provide leadership in planning, funding, and implementing initiatives that lead to improved quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change.



Since 1990, Family Connection has served more than 54,000 families and made more than 34,460 parent-to-parent matches, allowing one-on-one support around a specific diagnosis or a parent's greatest concern.