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Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities

Request For Proposals (RFP) 2009

Statewide Youth Event

The Connecticut Council on Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support a large statewide event planned and implemented under the direction of youth, particularly youth with developmental and/or other disabilities who are of high school and college age.

Purpose: The Council on Developmental Disabilities held focus group meetings on October 29 and December 4, 2008 to explore how best to encourage and support youth with disabilities to become active on disability issues and to become leaders on these issues at individual, local, statewide and national levels. The invited participants included youth with developmental and/or other disabilities, disability advocates, and representatives of public and private disability-related agencies. These meetings determined that a large statewide event planned and implemented under the direction of youth, particularly youth with developmental and/or other disabilities of high school and college age, would be an excellent tool for discovering what youth with developmental and/or other disabilities perceive as important issues, how they would address those issues and how the adult with disabilities and advocacy community can assist and facilitate the event.

Activities: Respondents to this RFP are asked to work with youth with developmental and/or other disabilities of high school and/or college age to plan, organize and implement a large, one-day, statewide youth disability policy event. Respondents are to assure that youth with developmental and/or other disabilities determine the issues to be addressed. Respondents are to seek co-funders of the Statewide Youth Event. Under the direction of youth with developmental and/or other disabilities, respondents are to handle the logistics of the event, including negotiating whatever assistance youth with developmental and/or other disabilities need in order to participate in organizing, implementing and participating in the statewide youth event.

Expected Outcomes: Respondents will support the organization and implementation by youth with disabilities of: (1) A statewide youth event with 100 or more event participants, and (2) an agenda of issues of concern to youth with developmental and/or other disabilities.

Eligible Applicants: Private and public entities are encouraged to apply.

Funding: Up to \$5,000 is available for calendar year 2009. Respondents are to contribute a portion of the funds (i.e. a match) for the event. This match must be non-federal funds and be at least 25% of the total funds provided by the Council. This match may be provided as cash or in-kind services.