

We Want to Hear Your Story

# DISABILITY STORIES PROJECT



## Who Are We?

We provide disability stakeholders with accurate, current, accessible and actionable information on how recent changes in health policy affect the community living and integration of working-age adults with disabilities. While the CHRIL devotes significant time to knowledge translation, our research findings to date have not been widely used in disability advocacy efforts.

We do good work and try to get our research findings to disability advocates and policymakers. But our tables and graphs just aren't enough. That's why we are starting a new project called "Disability Stories about Health Policy." The Disabilities Stories Project will help support and contextualize our research findings with personal stories from people with disabilities. This application has been reviewed and approved by the Washington State University Institutional Review Board.

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We will be presenting at the APRIL Conference, if you are interested in participating, please notify us after our conference presentation. We will be scheduling interviews during the APRIL conference week. You may also email us at [disabilitystories.hp@wsu.edu](mailto:disabilitystories.hp@wsu.edu) or by phone (509) 368-6979 where you will be asked to sign a copy of our consent form. Once consent is given you will be asked to tell us in five minutes or less about your experience as a person with a disability navigating through the US health care system. We are particularly interested in hearing how the need for health insurance affects your choices about participating in disability programs or working. But these aren't the only health policy issues out there, and if you have another story you want to tell, please do so. Your involvement in this project is completely voluntary. If you wish to drop out of the project at any point, you can do so without penalty.

## Health Policy Advisors

We will review all stories and select those that best illustrate key health policy issues affecting people with disabilities. Up to 40 participants will be designated as "health policy advisors" and receive a \$25 cash card. We will then contact these advisors to arrange audio or video interviews. We will edit and share these stories (with appropriate attribution) at research conferences, at meetings with policymakers, and on our website.

There is also an option for you to provide your story/experience in a confidential manner. If you do not want your audio or video included on our website or in CHRIL research there will be an option for you to be given a confidential code and your information will not be linked to your name, location, or occupation.