**Calling all TAA Disability Advocates**

The Training Alumni Association, in partnership with the Arc of Virginia, needs you to participate in Virtual Developmental Disabilities (DD) Days. TAA has reimagined how to deliver DD Days in 2022!

**Week 1: Thursday, January 13, 2022-Thursday, January 20, 2022**

**Week 2: Thursday, February 10, 2022-Thursday, February 17, 2022**

Contact your Legislator, choose a date listed above and Advocate.

All appointments times are between 8:30am- 3:30 pm.

You can request a Zoom appointment(s), a phone call(s), or email them directly. Scripts will be available to assist you with your preparation.

**To obtain your Legislators Contact Information visit** [**https://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/**](https://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/)

#DDDay2022 on social media to spread the word.

**Contact** [**training@vbpd.virginia.gov**](mailto:training@vbpd.virginia.gov) **for questions and more information.**

**TEMPLATE #1: PHONE SCRIPT**

**FOR REQUESTING A ZOOM MEETING WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS**

**(Use this Template #1, when someone answers the phone.)**

Hello\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(name your Delegate or Senator or her/his designee).*** My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(share your name****).* I hope you are well. I am one of your Constituents and I am a member of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities “Training Alumni Association” also known as (TAA).

Our Training Alumni Association is designed to facilitate grassroots advocacy on behalf of Virginians with disabilities and to advance systems change. TAA Members are graduates of Partners in Policymaking and Youth Leadership Academy Training Programs funded by Virginia Board for People with Disabilities. **I am calling today, as a Participant in Developmental Disabilities Day to request a virtual Zoom Meeting** with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(name your Delegate or Senator or her/his designee)*** to discuss The Arc of Virginia’s Development Disability (DD) 2022 Legislative Agenda Priorities, which are:

• Appendix K Permanent Parent Pay

• Access to Services

• Access to Technology

• Criminal Justice Accommodations and

• Inclusive Education

I am available on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(Choose the day & date from these two designated weeks [Thursday, January 13, 2022-Thursday, January 20, 2022 or Thursday, February 10, 2022-Thursday, February 17, 2022] and insert your preferred date.)***

Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(add your phone number)*** or email me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(give them your email)*** to schedule an appointment with me. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to have A Life like Yours.

Sincerely, *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***(say your name)***

**TEMPLATE #2: PHONE SCRIPT**

**FOR REQUESTING A PHONE CALL WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS**

**(Use this Template #2, when someone answers the phone.)**

Hello\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(name your Delegate or Senator or her/his designee),*** my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(share your name).*** I hope you are well. I am one of your Constituents and I am a member of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities “Training Alumni Association” also known as (TAA).

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I am available on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(Choose the day & date from these two designated weeks [Thursday, January 13, 2022-Thursday, January 20, 2022 or Thursday, February 10, 2022-Thursday, February 17, 2022] and insert your preferred date.)***

Can you please let me know if\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(name your Delegate or Senator or her/his designee),*** is available on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(the date you selected***) for a phone conversation?

\*Be flexible and ready to pick another date based on your Legislator’s schedule.\* REMEMBER: “THANK YOU” WHEN FINISHED

**TEMPLATE #3: PHONE SCRIPT**

**FOR REQUESTING A ZOOM MEETING OR PHONE CALL WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS**

**(Use this Template #3, when leaving a voicemail.)**

Hello \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(name your Delegate or Senator or her/his designee)****,* my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(share your name)***. I hope you are well. I am one of your Constituents and I am a member of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, “Training Alumni Association” also known as (TAA).

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I am available on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(Choose the day & date from these two designated weeks [Thursday, January 13, 2022-Thursday, January 20, 2022 or Thursday, February 10, 2022-Thursday, February 17, 2022] and insert your preferred date.)***

Please call me to share your availability. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(say your name).*** I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(say your phone number)***. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to have A Life like Yours.

**TEMPLATE #4: PHONE SCRIPT**

**FOR PARTICIPATING IN PHONE CAMPAIGN ONLY**

**(Use this Template #4, when leaving a voicemail.)**

Hello\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(name your Delegate or Senator or her/his designee*)**, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(share your name).*** I hope you are well. I am one of your Constituents and I am a member of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities “Training Alumni Association” also known as (TAA).

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I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(say your phone number)*** to share more. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to have A Life like Yours.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(say your name)***

**TEMPLATE #5: PHONE SCRIPT**

**FOR PARTICIPATING IN PHONE CAMPAIGN ONLY**

**(Use this Template #5, when someone answers the phone.)**

Hello\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(name your Delegate or Senator or her/his designee),*** my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(share your name).*** I hope you are well. I am one of your Constituents and I am a member of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities “Training Alumni Association” also known as (TAA).

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Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(say your phone number)*** if you would like to learn more. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to have A Life like Yours.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(say your Name)***

**TEMPLATE #6: Written Campaign**

**ELECTRONIC MAIL (EMAIL) & TRADITIONAL LETTER MAILED VIA**

**UNITED STATES POST SERVICE (USPS)**

**(When using this Template #6 remember to remove the red portions.)**

SUBJECT LINE: Training Alumni Association (TAA) Member Requests to Speak with (*Name your Delegate or Senator or her/his Designee)* about the Arc of Virginia’s Development Disability (DD) 2022 Legislative Agenda Priorities

Hello\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(name your Delegate or Senator or her/his designee*),** my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(share your name).*** I hope you are well. I am one of your Constituents and I am a member of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities “Training Alumni Association” also known as (TAA).

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**I am writing you as a Participant in Developmental Disabilities Emailing Campaign to ask that you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(name your Delegate or Senator or her/his Designee)*** support the Arc of Virginia’s Development Disability (DD) 2022 Legislative Agenda priorities, which are:

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Please **call me** at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(list your phone number)*** or **email me** at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(list your Email)*** if you would like to learn more. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to have A Life like Yours.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ***(add your name)***

*Request a “Read Receipt” on your email so you can confirm that it has been read!*