



# 2014 Barbara Wilensky Gopen Memorial Fellowship

## Now Accepting Applications

The Gopen Fellowship is a one year, 20 hour per week work and learning opportunity for an individual with a developmental disability. The Gopen Fellow works primarily at the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) in Boston, and two times per month at the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC) in Quincy.

The Gopen Fellow will:

- Work a minimum of 20 hours per week for a period of 12 months. Most of this time will be spent designing and implementing an original project.
- Create and work on an original disability project of the Fellow's choice. This will include developing a final product; for example a brochure, a presentation or content for a webpage.
- Attend Friday morning LEND Fellowship classes in Boston (no summer session).
- Set up and attend meetings to obtain information about the chosen project.
- Attend conferences, trainings, meetings and other events to learn about disability services, public policy, advocacy, government and the chosen area of interest.
- Share information about project activities with Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Network agencies and other disability organizations.
- Develop a project work plan and write quarterly status reports.
- Make a presentation about the project at the end of the Fellowship.

The Fellowship will begin on July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015. The annual stipend is \$20,000, paid bi-weekly. Eligible candidates are Massachusetts residents with developmental disabilities who have finished school.

To apply for the Fellowship, submit a written proposal, a resume, and three letters of reference. Refer to attached instructions for additional details.

The deadline to apply for the Fellowship is **Wednesday, April 30, 2014.**

For more information, contact Liz Fancher, Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council by email at [Liz.fancher@state.ma.us](mailto:Liz.fancher@state.ma.us) or phone at 617.770.7676 x105.

The Gopen Fellowship was established in 2001 to honor disability advocate Barbara Wilensky Gopen and is sponsored by the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Network Programs:

- *Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC)*
- *Institute for Community Inclusion, UMass Boston, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (ICI)*
- *EK Shriver Center, UMass Medical Center, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities*
- *Disability Law Center (DLC)*

## **Application Instructions – 2014 Gopen Fellowship**

The application consists of 3 parts. Applicants can seek support to complete their application; the content of the proposal will be in the applicant's own words.

### **1. A 2-5 page written proposal:**

- A. Describe your background and personal disability experience. Why do you want to be the Gopen Fellow?
- B. Provide a summary of the proposed disability project. The project should be original and achievable within the one year time frame.
  - a. Briefly describe your project. What makes it unique? Why is it needed?
  - b. Why did you choose this particular project?
  - c. What is the goal of the project?
  - d. What are the major activities?
  - e. Describe the final product. How will it be distributed? How will it benefit other people?
- C. What do you see yourself doing in the future, after the Fellowship is complete?

### **2. Resume.**

### **3. Three Letters of Reference.**

**Send your application by mail or email to:**

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