

Jolie is 18, uses a wheelchair because she has Spina Bifida. She just recently graduated from High School. She has been dependent on her mother for a lot of things up until now and really wants to change that, so she's looking to you as her mentor to help her explore some resources.

- ❑ Needs transportation to get around
- ❑ Wants to go to college but has no money
- ❑ Needs attendant care
- ❑ Wheelchair is falling apart
- ❑ Needs a summer job to pay for books and fun
- ❑ Could use some help identifying career goals
- ❑ Is currently receiving a puny government check
- ❑ Any other misc. service

Sam was just recently in a car accident. He now has a spinal cord injury and he is having a hard time adjusting to the changes in his life. He is 20 and living at home with his mom that is inaccessible to him. He just recently started receiving disability benefits. He is depressed and feels alone. Sam wants to work with a Peer Mentor to help him with his issues and to get his life together. Possibilities for Sam include:

- ❑ An accessible place of his own
- ❑ Social opportunities
- ❑ A way to learn about the Movement, our Culture and POWER
- ❑ Attendant care services
- ❑ Needs transportation services
- ❑ Peer support group
- ❑ Training
- ❑ Any other misc. service

Geneva has a learning disability and is planning on going to college. She is smart, she just has a very hard time reading so her mother and her sister have always read her school assignments to her and because of this she has done well. Now the problem is, she was accepted into a good college (UIC) and she can't take her mother and sister with them.

Geneva also has a seizure disorder so she will need to find a good neurologist near the college to monitor her seizures and to prescribe her medicine since she will be so far from home.

- ❑ Reader services
- ❑ Doctor referral services
- ❑ Finding a resource for books on tape
- ❑ Peer support network in her new city—help her find her people
- ❑ Travel training
- ❑ Social opportunities
- ❑ Any other misc. service

Darin is blind. He's 19 and wants his own place. Before he can do that, he needs to figure out how he can be more independent and he wants to get a job. He wants your help.

- He has trouble getting around busy city streets by himself-solve
- He enjoys the daily newspaper but can't read it himself-solve
- He needs assistance with his search for housing
- He is looking for a job
- He would like to use mainline but doesn't know how
- He is currently living on a puny government check
- Any other misc. service

Shari is 17 wants to leave home. Her father is abusive towards her mother and she is afraid all the time. Her disability is cerebral palsy and she uses a wheelchair. Once her father took her wheelchair away in the middle of the night and she couldn't get out of bed the next day. She hasn't been hit yet, but she never knows what he will do to her or her mother. Shari hasn't seen a doctor in a really long time. Her wheelchair is falling apart.

- ❑ Report the abuse
- ❑ Find Shari a safe place to stay
- ❑ Get her additional emotional support from peers who have "been there"
- ❑ Doctor referral service
- ❑ Needs a new wheelchair
- ❑ Needs transportation to get to school- she's a senior and the bus won't get pick her up anywhere but her house
- ❑ She needs attendant care
- ❑ Any other misc. service

Reva is 18, is Deaf and just graduated from High School and wants a job or some type of training; she's not sure. Her boyfriend Isaac is hoping Reva will decide to marry him and start family together. Reva's not sure she's ready for this but doesn't think her life is going to amount to much anyway. Help Reva explore some of her options.

- Travel training to get around on her own
- Resources for paying for school
- Places that could help her find a job and/or help her figure out career goals
- Family planning/counseling—are you ready for this?
- Connecting to her community so Isaac isn't her world
- Housing resources- if she's not living at home, where is she going to live?
- Any other misc. service

Jesse is 16 she uses crutches her mother's house, where is currently living, has 8 steps to get in and it is difficult for her to get in and out everyday. She feels like she has to depend on her mother for everything.

Jesse has just recently become sexually active with her boyfriend too, and she knows very little about birth control or STDs.

- Accessible housing options
- Transportation options
- Information about birth control and maybe some free birth control
- Information about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- Testing for STDs since she's had unprotected sex
- Any other misc. service

Renee has a spinal cord injury. She is 19 and is extremely depressed. She feels isolated and is abusing alcohol.

- Rehabilitation services
- Peer support groups
- Transportation services
- Connection to the disability community
- Physician referral service for her depression
- Opportunities for socializing
- Any other misc. service

Lori is 17 and she has a mental health disability. She's graduating from High School soon and once she graduates, she'd like to start looking for a job. The problem is, she doesn't know what kind of job will be right for her or how she'll get there. Another thing she has to figure out is daycare. Lori has a 4 month-old baby girl.

- ❑ Travel training
- ❑ Childcare
- ❑ Employment rights
- ❑ Peer support
- ❑ Career Counseling
- ❑ Vocational training
- ❑ Any other misc. service