

Trainee linkages

From the trainee perspective

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Recap of the Disability Policy Seminar

- Trainees from
 - Ohio, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, and more!
 - Monday trainee meet and greet prior to first session
 - Monday evening trainee reception
 - Optional dinner each evening

What is the virtual trainee?

- Work from home site to foster relationships and facilitate communication amongst trainees at other sites
 - Why?
- Means for communication
 - Face to face (at conferences/video-conferencing)
 - Facebook group/ VT blog
 - <http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=313>
 - <http://blogjogmc.blogspot.com>
 - AUCD trainee listserve– get your trainees signed up: <http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=637>
 - Journal club*
 - Trainee liaison task force*
- Recruiting for next year

Journal Club

- Began in March 2009
- Two sessions so far
- Trainees read an article and participate in a phone conference or post reactions to discussion board at www.aucd.org
- 4 participants on the phone call for both meetings
- Next session scheduled for 7:00 PM EST on Wednesday May 20th with topic: **ADVOCACY**

Trainee Liaison Task Force

- **Mission:** Identify strategies and develop a plan of action to improve trainee networking and linkage within the AUCD network.
- **Vision:** Improve the exchange of information amongst trainees at different sites by increasing trainee participation with current communication means and work to continuously expand communication means as technology evolves.
- **Goal of task force:** Lay a foundation for improved trainee communication over the next 1-3 years. Includes improving dissemination of information and news from AUCD as well as improve return of news and updates from individual sites to AUCD.

Trainee Liaison Task Force

- First meeting
 - 14 trainees identified to serve as liaisons; 7 participated in phone call
 - Brainstormed ways to improve virtual trainee position
 - Described perceived benefits of serving as liaison
- Proposed action plan:
 - Develop modules to describe AUCD networking opportunities
 - Initiate a monthly (or quarterly) newsletter to share current events and ongoing opportunities
 - Establish a community-feel by utilizing more live communication techniques such as face to face meeting and videoconferencing (when available) and phone conferencing to link individuals with shared interests

Trainee Liaison Task Force

- What are we doing right now?
 - Pilot the liaison model by sharing information
 - Describe the roles and responsibilities (job description) of a liaison
 - Generate discussion questions for next year's virtual trainee to utilize in initiating web-based or conferencing discussions. Email those questions to virtualtrainee@aucd.org and post to AUCD message board
- So far...

Thank you!

