

Aloha. As part of our ongoing outreach to those involved with disability issues, the National Technical Assistance Center for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with disabilities (NTAC-AAPI) is actively soliciting stories of successful AAPI with disabilities you have come to know in the course of your work. These “Success Stories” are accounts of and/or by inspirational AAPI with disabilities, who have overcome obstacles and achieved their career goals despite incredibly challenging circumstances. In publishing their stories, NTAC-AAPI seeks to motivate others in similar situations. For examples of Success Stories previously published, please go to <http://www.ntac.hawaii.edu/products/products.htm> and view all editions of Volume 5.

We would like to invite you to share your Success Stories for possible publication. We want others to be made aware of the accomplishments your consumers have achieved. With their permission, please tell us their stories, including all relevant obstacles and successes/achievements you and your client have faced – in approximately 1500 words – and send it to [James.Brightman@cds.hawaii.edu](mailto:James.Brightman@cds.hawaii.edu) ; phone number: (808) 956-4585. If we publish your account, we can offer you a \$400 honorarium.

Please use the following outline as a guide for your writing, but feel free to modify the format as necessary to tell the story of each unique AAPI individual with disabilities:

I. History

- A. Childhood (describe what you know about the life of the consumer growing up or during his/her adolescence (describe his/her career goals and aspirations)
- B. How you came to know the consumer

II. Disability

- A. Specific Disability (the type of disability and how acquired)
- B. Unique Obstacles (faced as individual or as an Asian American or Pacific Islander with a disability)

III. Accomplishments

- A. Past (previous accomplishments)
- B. Present (your experience working with the consumer; the consumer’s current employment)
- C. Future Plans (in what direction is the consumer headed? How will you be involved, if at all, in this process?)

IV. Summary/Conclusion/Motivation for others facing similar obstacles

Thank you for your contribution to our Success Story briefs. Your participation reflects your commitment to empowering those who may find these stories compelling and thereafter become inspired to make changes in their own lives.