



Dear Counselor: *(Please forward, Please share)*

Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) takes place on October 17th 2012. This year, NYC has been designated as the national DMD host city, by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). DMD is an opportunity to bring your client into the workplace where they can learn about various career opportunities. Through DMD, students and job seekers ("mentees") are paired with an employer (the "mentor") to learn what it means to work in a particular field or occupation. The mentees observe a typical workday, identifying necessary skills and learn about possible internships or employment prospects. While DMD is a one day event, mentors and mentees are encouraged to stay in touch after the event. Applicants may also participate in workshops and seminars, which take place during the time leading up to DMD and on the day itself.

DMD provides mentees with opportunities to:

- Learn firsthand about internship and job opportunities.
- Develop lasting mentor relationships.
- Target career skills for improvement.
- Explore possible career paths.
- Demonstrate their skills to potential employers.
- Work closely with someone working in their desired career field.
- Understand the vital connection between school and work.
- Gain greater confidence in their employability.

All job seekers with disabilities in the community are welcome to participate: including Veterans, college students, high school juniors and seniors with disabilities. We are asking vocational rehabilitation programs to please distribute this information and assist with inviting "experience ready" job seekers and students with disabilities in registering for

DMD. Please find enclosed MOPD DMD flyer and mentee application.

Visit www.nyc.gov/mopd to learn more about the program.

E-mail dmd@cityhall.nyc.gov or call DMD at 212.788.2830.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at telephone number 212.802.1442 or

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Feel free to use our DMD Tool Kit for your consumers

at: <https://www.nyceda.org/nyc-mopd-dmd-2012/>

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