



## Kindred Stories

# Do YOU have a story to share? Tennessee Kindred Stories of Disability

Sharing your stories to impact public policy

### Why Stories?

Stories have power. They spark listener attention and are immediately memorable for one simple reason—human beings are programmed to relate to human beings. This is pivotal because when we relate, we begin to care and to take action.

The Tennessee Kindred Stories of Disability project seeks to harness the power of story and to make disability-related issues both concrete and personal.

### How Does it Work?

Each year, University students interview individuals with disabilities and their families about their experiences with different issues. Interview topics change each year and usually are connected to current public policy. The students draft the stories, which are included in a booklet that educates legislators and policymakers in Nashville and on Capitol Hill about the challenges at hand in Tennessee and across our nation.

The project is a collaboration between the Vanderbilt Kennedy University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and The Arc Tennessee.

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