

## "Promoting Self-Advocacy"

DIAL, Inc, is currently involved in a new partnership between Centers for Independent Living and the New Jersey Department of Education, Special Education Programs to promote self-advocacy for students with disabilities and enhance the process of transitioning.

Each center will offer self-advocacy, self-determination, and self-help programs and services for students with disabilities and their families with the most effective materials and resources available.

DIAL, Inc, will be working with students from school districts in Passaic and Essex Counties, free of charge.

The 'Promoting Self-Advocacy' project is expected to achieve the following objectives:

Increase the number of students, families, and school personnel that are aware of and use the resources and services of the Centers for Independent Living in New Jersey;

Increase students' knowledge of rights, responsibilities, and resources;

Increase students' use of self-advocacy, self-determination, and self-help skills in their daily lives; and

Increase students' participation and decision-making in the transition planning process with specific regard to postsecondary resources, services and linkages.

Please contact Barbara Schank at (973) 470-8090 for more information.