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Ask the Advocate!

Detroit, MI. - July 25, 2007- Andre Robinson's personal mission is to be the best advocate he can be for people with disabilities.



His position at Community Living Services (CLS) as Community Development assistant helps him to accomplish that goal everyday.

CLS is a non-profit organization that promotes inclusion, full citizenship and a self-determined life for people with developmental disabilities.

He is currently working to develop a coalition between CLS and the Michigan Housing Commission to explore how they can work together to create more affordable housing for individuals with disabilities.

“People with disabilities deserve a piece of the American Dream too,” said Andre.

When he isn't working, he is the chair of the Michigan Development Disability Council, volunteers for The Center for Independent Living, and advocates for equal rights for people with disabilities in Lansing.

This past month, Andre was presented with a Certificate for Outstanding Achievement for his personal accomplishments and his self-determined lifestyle by the Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency at the Samaritan Center in Detroit.

“I am fully self-determined. I have lived in my own apartment for almost a year, and I utilized the Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency's employment enhancement initiative to become employed by CLS. Those are goals that I accomplished for myself.”

Andre utilizes supports and services provided by Community Living Services, Inc. CLS provides supports and services to 2700 people in Wayne County and is funded through the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency. For more information, visit our web site at www.comlivserv.com.

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