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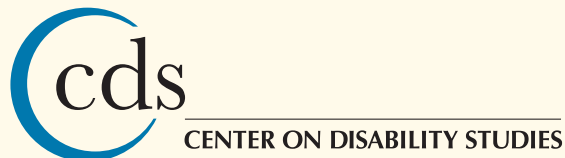
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sharing diverse perspectives,
stimulating new thinking and
crafting workable solutions—
locally, nationally and globally.*

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ACTION
DIVERSITY
PEOPLE
CONVERGENCE
EMERGENCE
IDEAS

Pac Rim Focus Area Youth Advocacy & Leadership



If I have the belief that
I can do it, I will surely
acquire the capacity to
do it, even if I may not
have it at the beginning.

—Mahatma Gandhi

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The future of the social justice, self-determination and advocacy rests with our youth and emerging leaders with disabilities. Our topical area will discuss youth involvement in the following areas:

- ✦ International Youth Issues (social justice, disability rights, self-determination and self advocacy in the world.
- ✦ Emerging Leader Initiatives: Empowerment issues and ACTION PLANS
- ✦ Youth Leadership and Political Involvement
- ✦ Self Advocacy around the globe.
- ✦ Best Practices in Centers for Independent Living

Keynote Speaker



Amber Smock is a youth and women's disability rights organizer. She is the Youth Leadership Coordinator for Access Living, the independent living center for Chicago. She is also a co-coordinator for Chicago ADAPT and consults with the ADAPT National Youth Summit. She is a co-founder and member of Feminist Response in Disability

Early Bird Registration Deadline:
February 13, 2009

Activism (FRIDA), a grassroots action group of women with disabilities and Deaf women. In 2008, Amber received the Founder's Award from the Chicago Foundation for Women in recognition of her emerging leadership, and with the award money has been meeting and organizing with women with disabilities around the US and in South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. Amber has a severe hearing loss and grew up oral in mainstream schools. At the age of 20 she became involved with the Deaf community, began learning American Sign Language, and now uses sign language interpreters and videophones at work.

On May 6th and May 7th, we will host a Youth Leadership Academy. Please stay tuned for developments.

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