



## young leaders with ability

Empowering People for Inclusive Communities (EPIC) prepares young people with disabilities to be actively engaged community leaders through education, leadership development, and community service.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Only 38% of youth with disabilities are engaged in community activities
- 22% of people with disabilities nationwide fail to complete high school, compared to 9% of people without disabilities
- Community service connects young people to their communities, fosters leadership, and develops an interest in making a difference
- Youth who perform voluntary community service are 19% more likely to graduate college

## **EPIC PROGRAMS**

EPIC Service Warriors is a competitive, year long community service and education program for youth with disabilities between the ages of 16 and 23.

**EPIC Community Trainings** provide individuals both with and without disabilities the opportunity to explore such topics as ableism, inclusion, self-empowerment, advocacy and how to work with youth with disabilities. EPIC's inclusive staff offer trainings to schools, nonprofits, youth groups and community programs statewide.

**EPIC Support Groups** are free events for youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 24, focusing on support, education, and advocacy in order to address the unique needs and disparities faced by youth with disabilities.

EPIC was founded in 2011 and operates as a 501(c)3 nonprofit through its fiscal sponsor, Triangle, Inc. Through support, challenge, and opportunity, Triangle empowers people with disabilities and their families to enjoy rich, fulfilling lives. EPIC's connection to Triangle, Inc. provides additional opportunities for their leaders to participate in Triangle, Inc.'s innovative career and life development programs.

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