

Having Our Say

The newsletter of SaySo, Strong Able Youth Speaking Out

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Become a Member!

If you are interested in joining **SaySo**, let us know! E-mail or write us with the following information: your name, birth date, and address (including e-mail), region and the kind of out-of-home placement you are or have been in.

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This Month's Inspirational Quote: **Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

10th Annual SaySo's Legislative Page Week

This year's Page Week is scheduled for March 24-28, 2013.

1. Are you interested in meeting legislative officials who influence current policy/laws?
2. Are you willing to live with a host family in Raleigh from Sunday, March 24, 2013 through Thursday, March 28, 2013?
3. Are you doing well academically in school?
4. Are you able to get recommendation letters to serve as a Legislative Page?
5. Are you willing to work hard to represent other young people in foster care?
6. Are you between the ages of 15 and 18 or currently in the ninth grade? (Rising 9th graders are not eligible).
7. Are you open to an experience that will change your life?

Applications for the House Page Program are available online at:

<http://www.ncleg.net/house/pages/home.html>

Applications for the Senate Page Program are available by sending a request to: sayso@ilrinc.com or by calling Lauren Zingraff, Program Coordinator at 800-820-0001

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAYSO OFFICE BY February 8th! NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE INTO THE 2013 SAYSO PAGE PROGRAM IS DETERMINED BY SAYSO'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.

The NC General Assembly Page Programs are available to you outside of SaySo. SaySo does sponsor (1) week per legislative session, however if you are interested in serving as a Legislative Page you may independently apply & do so. Speak with your Links Coordinator or Foster Parent about this opportunity



NOTE: Space is extremely limited for this year as we only have a VERY few slots available to us in the House Page Program & the Senate Page Program.

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Good News!

SaySo is proud to acknowledge all of our young people who are continuing their education and overcoming their adversities while being resilient and facing challenges with a positive attitude. Great job all SaySo members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SaySo Saturday- March 2, 2013,
Guilford Technical Community
College, Jamestown, NC
(see enclosed flyer)

Come celebrate
SaySo's 15th Birthday!!!

Visit our website at www.saysoinc.org
for more information.



SaySo Staff

Nancy Carter - Executive Director

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Alumni Staff are throughout the state
please call for contacts.

FOSTER CARE & SIBLING BILL OF RIGHTS

The SaySo Board of Directors has formerly endorsed a **Foster Care and Sibling Bill of Rights**. We will be advocating for this to be passed into legislation by the North Carolina General Assembly. There are many parts to both documents that were written by young people in foster care on behalf of other youth in substitute care. These (2) Bill of Rights are examples of SaySo's mission to work to improve the substitute care system by educating the community, speaking out about needed changes, and providing support to youth who are or have been in substitute care. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the Bill of Rights! We will keep you updated on the progress we make with legislators this session.

If you would like to see both "Bills" please go to:
http://www.saysoinc.org/do_you_know/laws_rights_and_advocacy/bill_of_rights



IT'S MY TRANSITION

On Saturday, February 2, 2013, SaySo in partnership with Catawba County LINKS hosted a youth conference event at Sipe's Orchard Home in Conover, NC. "It's My Transition" is a one-day workshop for youth ages 16+up. The day focused on the (7) LINKS Outcomes with greater detail on having sufficient income to meet your daily needs and having a safe and stable place to live. There were youth speakers and great door prizes. It was a great day and we hope to see some of you at our next event. ***EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS TO MS. JACKIEBROWN & EVERYONE AT SIPE'S ORCHARD HOME FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY & TO MS. REGINA ROBERTS, CATAWBA COUNTY LINKS COORDINATOR! WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***