



SARTAC Fellows:

Advancing
Self Advocacy
through
**LEADERSHIP
AND
POLICY**



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Fellowship Project:

'Liberty and Justice for All Means All!' - A look into Disabled Women and Girls Involvement with Civic Engagement

Host: Sophie Poost, Disability EmpowHer Network



PROJECT NAME

All Means All Guide- My overall goal with the fellowship program was to create a guide that women and girls with disabilities can use to get more involved with civic engagement and learn more about election processes.

"Civic engagement" means doing things to help your community, like volunteering or voting in elections. It's about being a good citizen and making a positive difference where you live.

WHAT I LEARNED AS A FELLOW

- ▶ Connect with new contacts
- ▶ **Sticking to an Agenda**
- ▶ How to take control of a meeting

RESOURCES CREATED


FOR FELLOWS

- ▶ The resource will be made available later this month.
- ▶ This resource will be a guide format.
- ▶ It has different sections on how to get involved in civic engagement.
- ▶ It includes Interviews with people with disabilities who work in civic engagement.

LEADERSHIP RESULTS

**(Work on these together.
May put on 2 slides.**

What did this project teach you
about leadership?)



Leadership is collaborative
not just one person

The review and feedback
process helped.

I got to practice taking
constructive criticism and
listening to the perspectives
of others while still making my
own decisions.

WHAT WAS THE ROLE OF THE HOST?

The Host provided support:

- ▶ **to stay on track**
 - ▶ **connect to networks,**
 - ▶ **and provided information for my guide.**
- ▶ What we learned from Kelsie: a reminder of the importance of highlighting all voices and the empowerment that comes with building a resource for everyone.

EMPLOYMENT RESULTS OR GOALS

Employment Goal: Kelsi will stay on as an intern through the spring. We hope to find ways to engage her in additional opportunities down the line.

- ▶ Realized that civic engagement is a passion. While it may not be a career there is room for Kelsi to have an impact and pursue a career in this area down the line. Now she's connected to more people who could make that a reality.