SARTAC Fellows:

Advancing Self Advocacy through Leadership and Policy

About the Fellow

- Timotheus "T.J." Gordon, Jr.
- Chicago, IL
- Disabled I AM
- My host is Candace Coleman, racial justice organizer at Access Living

Disabled I AM

- Multimedia project where people can use pictures and social media to talk about their disability identity
- Creates a discussion on connection between disability and other identities, like race, gender, and more

Disabled I AM

Products

- Photo shoots and virtual Disabled I AM picture frames
- The shoots and picture frames helped self-advocates be bold in expressing their disability pride

Disabled I AM and Future Employment

- Gain experience in web and content design, photography
- Potentially bring in more workers with disabilities in a front office position
- Understanding and advocating for workers with disabilities from many backgrounds

How Disabled I AM can help self-advocacy groups?

- Recruiting tool
- Empower people with disabilities to express themselves and their identities
- Explore disability in more ways than disability alone

RESOURCES CREATED

- One-pagers (by Advance Your Leadership Power and SARTAC)
  - Summary of selected resources on disability and intersectionality from SARTAC website
- Resource List on Disabled I AM Website

LEADERSHIP & POLICY RESULTS

Through Disabled I AM, people with disabilities created a space where they could define their experiences with having a disability in any way they want to.

Candace's Role in Supporting T.J.

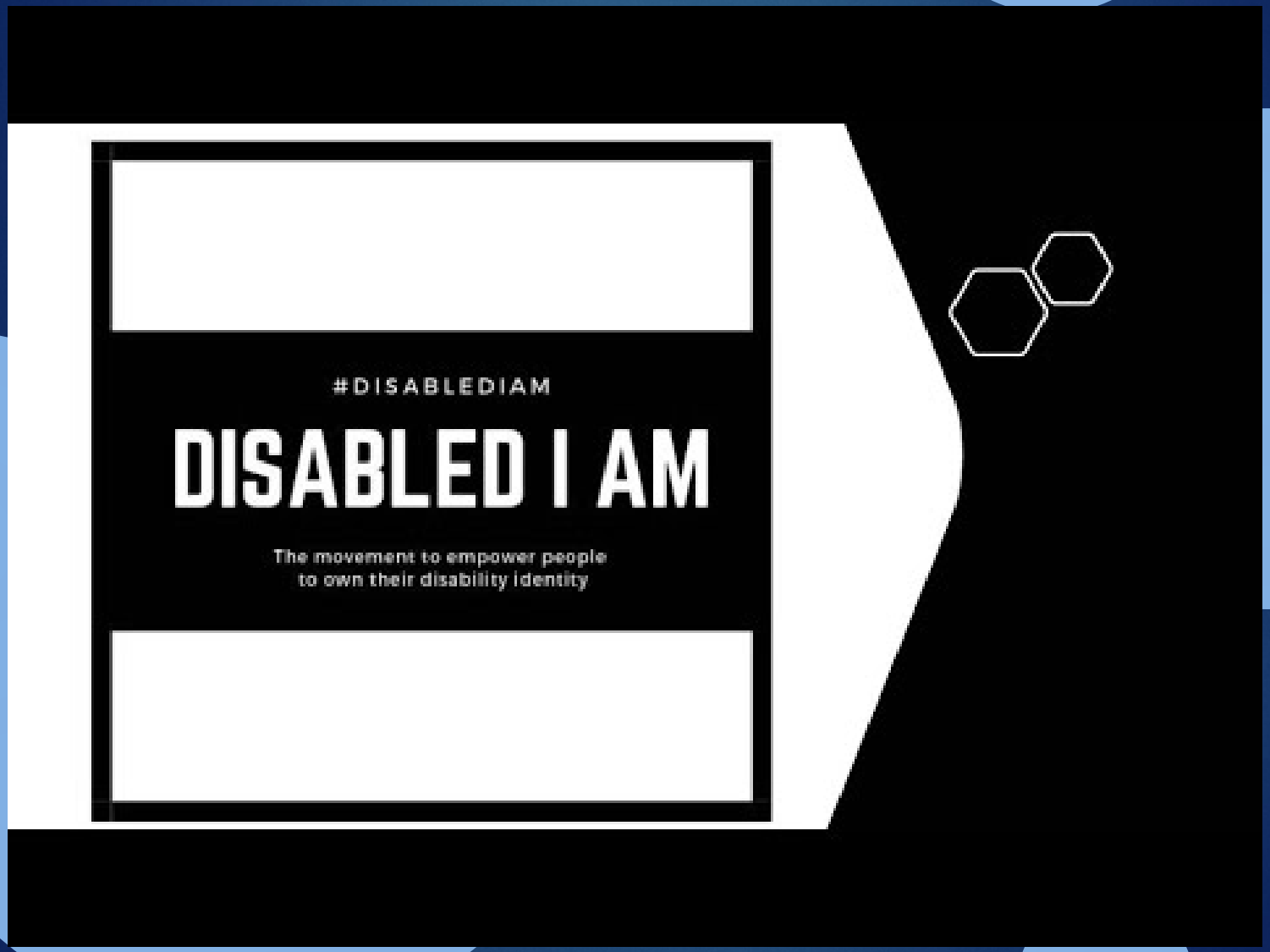
- Having T.J. as a SARTAC Fellow has changed Access Living, especially Advance Your Leadership Power, because he revived interest in the Disabled I AM campaign and the project has become an integral part of our racial and disability justice work

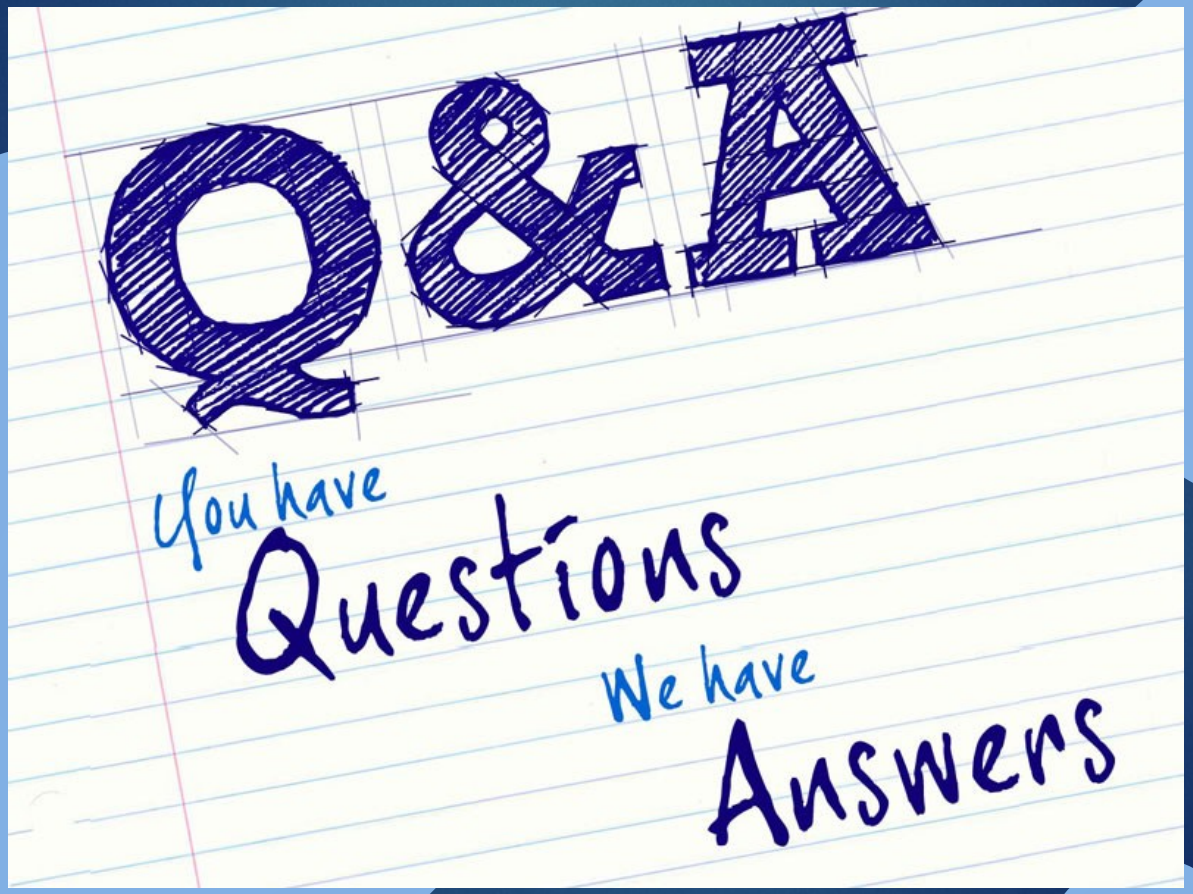
- Disabled I Am has become a crucial part of recruiting for AYLP.

EMPLOYMENT RESULTS OR GOALS

- Because of Disabled I AM, and my previous work on disability and race, I would like to present to schools, businesses and more on including ALL people with disabilities in their group(s) or businesses
- Leadership/creative roles in a company where I can help advocate for disability community
- Working with leaders with disabilities to help people do well in any field

Disabled I AM video

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You have
Questions
We have
Answers

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Self Advocacy and Beyond

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