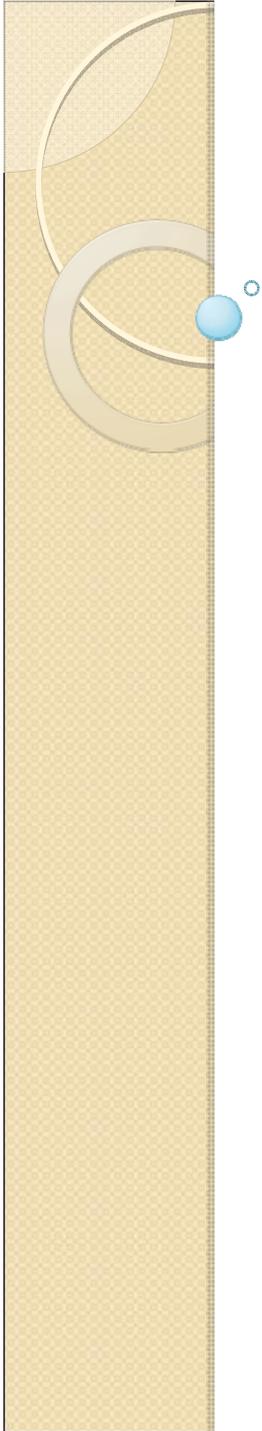
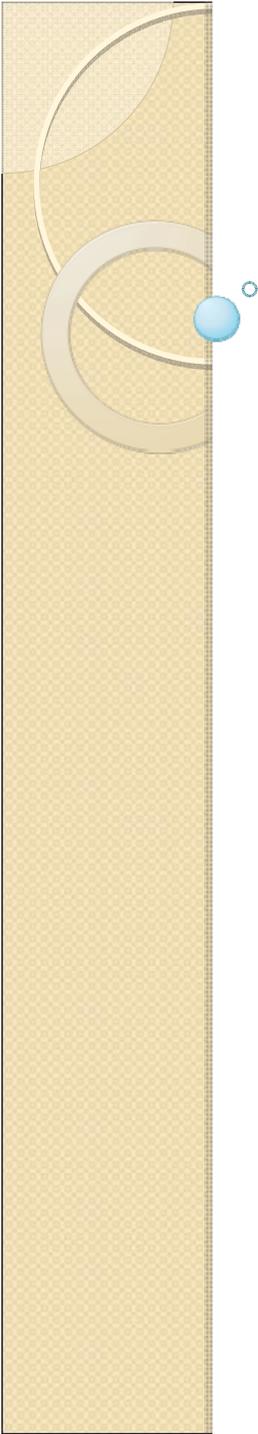


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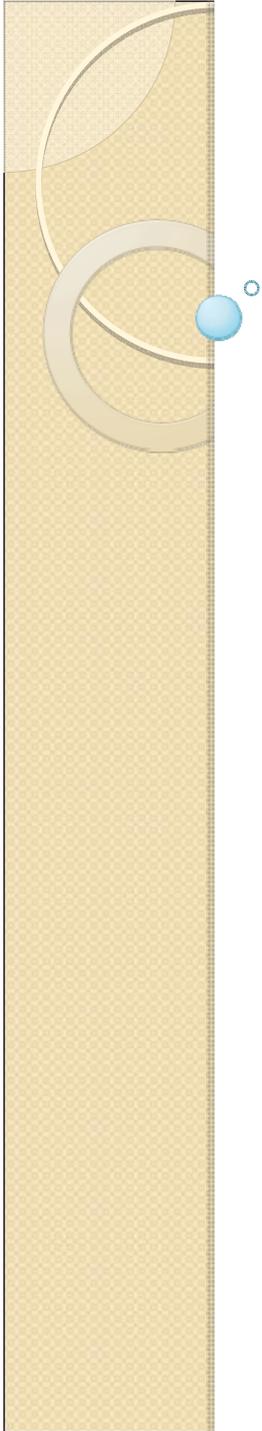
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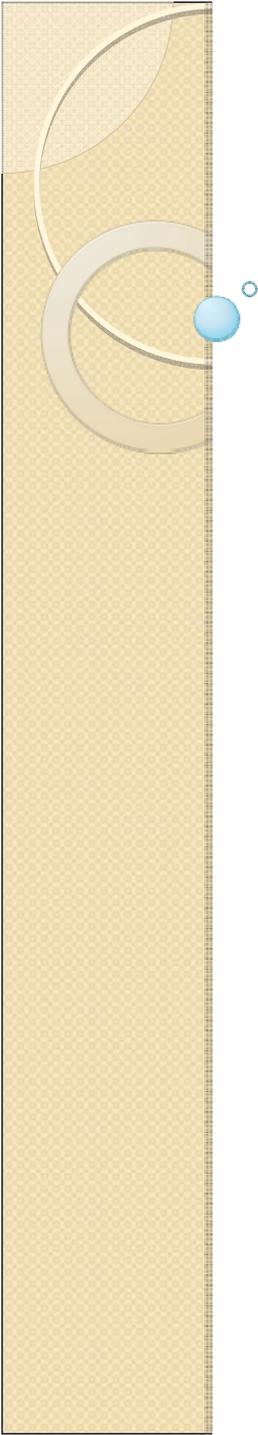
Who are we?



AHEAD in VIRGINIA is the state affiliate of the Association on Higher Education and Disability -- a professional organization for individuals involved in the development of policy and in the provision of quality services to meet the needs of persons with disabilities involved in all areas of higher education.

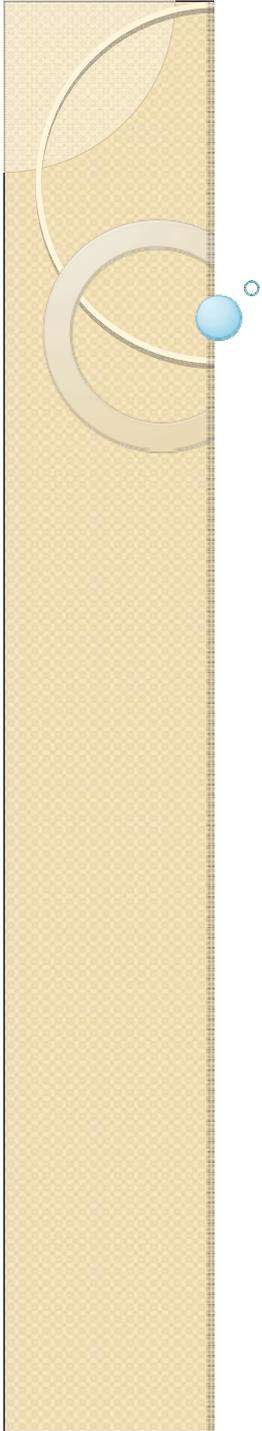


Our Purpose



AHEAD in Virginia is a vital resource, promoting excellence through education, communication and training.

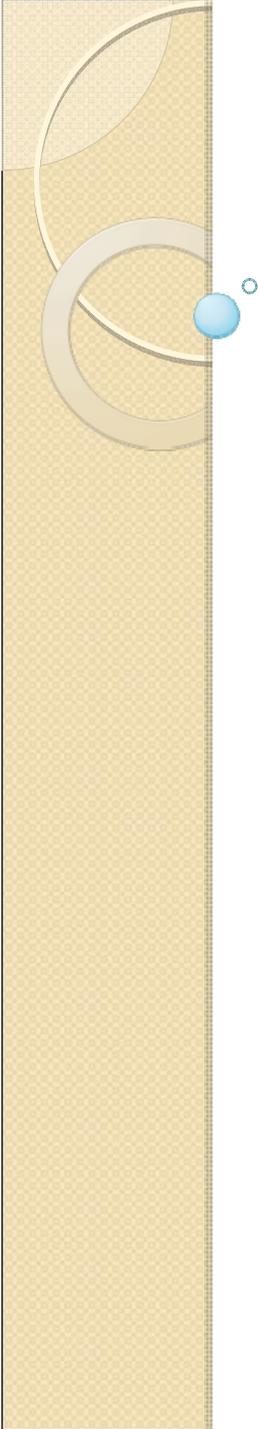
The Association is actively involved in all facets of promoting full and equal participation by individuals with disabilities in higher education; and supporting the systems, institutions, professions, and professionals who attend to the fulfillment of this important mission.



Our Goals

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- ❑ **Stimulate communication and collaboration among service providers in higher education;**
 - ❑ **Advocate for continued program development and/or improvement for those with disabilities;**

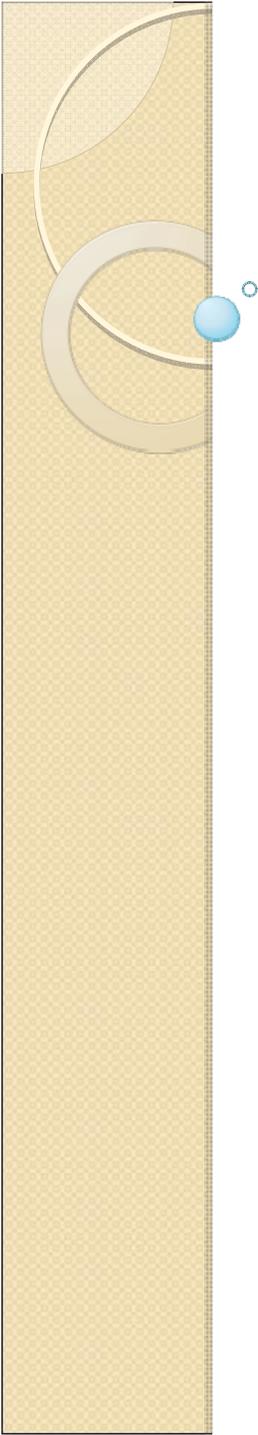
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- ❑ **Promote excellence within the profession of service providers;**
 - ❑ **Support and encourage individual and/or collaborative research and publication activities;**



Virginia Higher Education Leadership Partners ~ VA HELP

A consortium of diverse stakeholders (*two and four year public and private Institutions, secondary ed., State Agencies, OCR and Professional Organizations*) who collaborate on issues of mutual concern pertinent to the enhancement and accessibility of post secondary education for students with disabilities.

established in 1999



The VA HELP Educational Summit of 2007: Addressing Documentation Issues in Virginia

Virginia college students with disabilities are often faced with an added cost to attend college on equal footing with their peers.

- **Many high school students leave high school without sufficient current documentation of their disability to qualify for service in the post secondary setting.**
 - **There is a lack of consistency among colleges on what is required to document a disability.**
 - **The new ADA-AA broadens the interpretation of the definition of a disability, which may increase the number of students making a request for service in the post secondary setting.**
- However this does not change the fact that in post secondary education accommodations are based on Eligibility not an Entitlement**

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- ❑ **Improve the understanding of persons with disabilities and the legitimacy of reasonable accommodation;**
 - ❑ **Provide resources for service providers on current issues, laws, and technology as they relate to people with disabilities in the postsecondary setting.**



AHEAD in VA

**Our National Association can
be found at**

<http://www.ahead.org/>

**Within that Web site
AHEAD in VA is listed under
Affiliate Chapters**

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Association on Higher Education And Disability (AHEAD). The header features the AHEAD logo and navigation links. A sidebar on the left contains a site navigation menu and a featured partner section for 'Improved Listening'. The main content area includes a 'Welcome to AHEAD!' message, a vision statement, a news and notes section with links to conference information and strategic plans, and a mission statement. A search bar is located in the sidebar.

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 **Improved Listening**
Enabling the right to hear

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AHEAD's Vision

"AHEAD envisions educational and societal environments that value disability and embody equality of opportunity."

News and Notes

- [AHEAD 2009 Conference Information and Registration](#)
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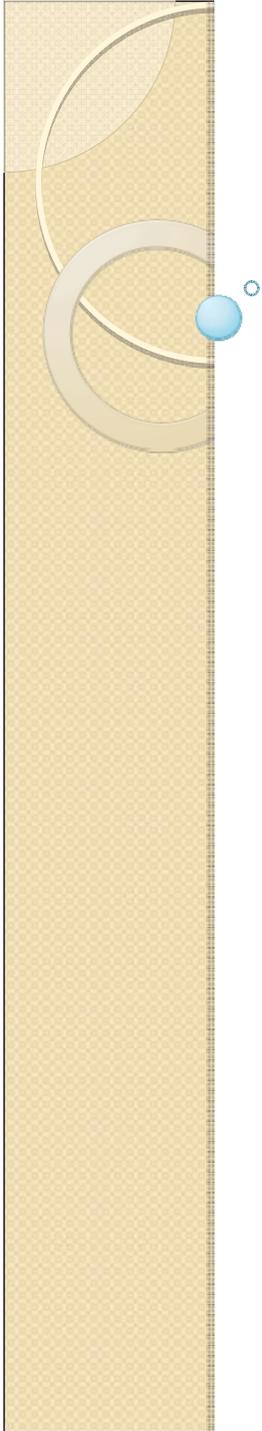
AHEAD's Mission

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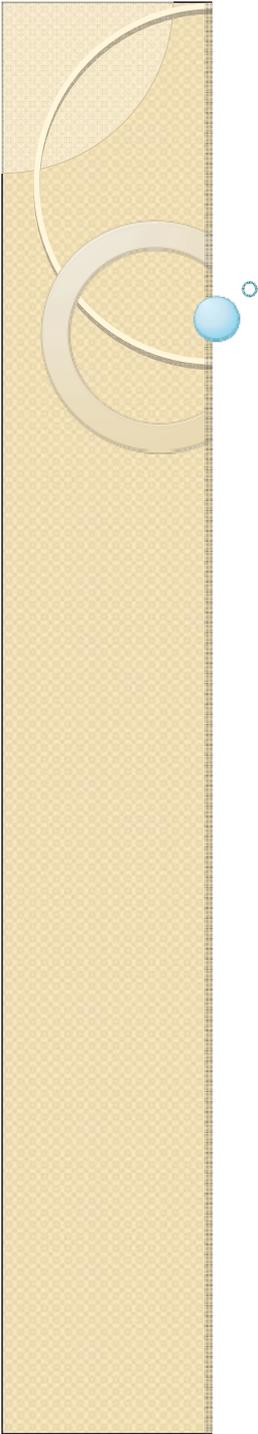
- values diversity, personal growth and development, and creativity
- promotes leadership and exemplary practices
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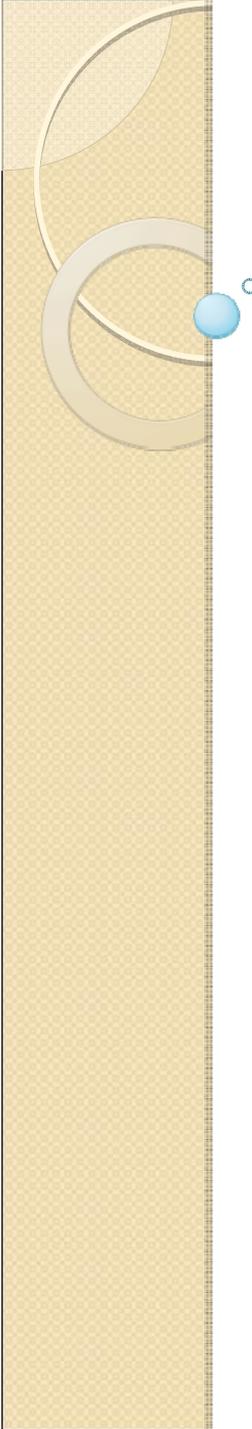
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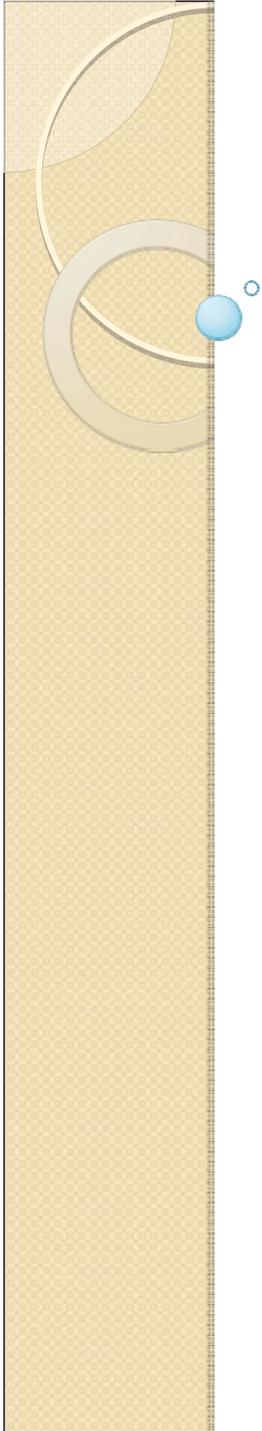
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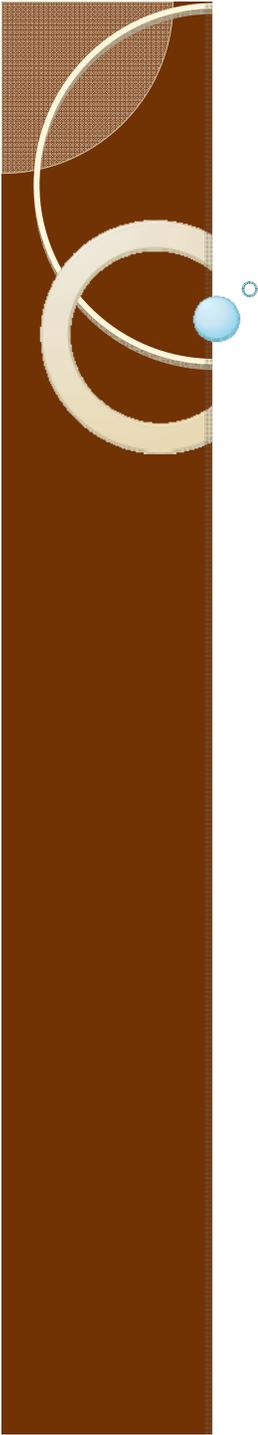
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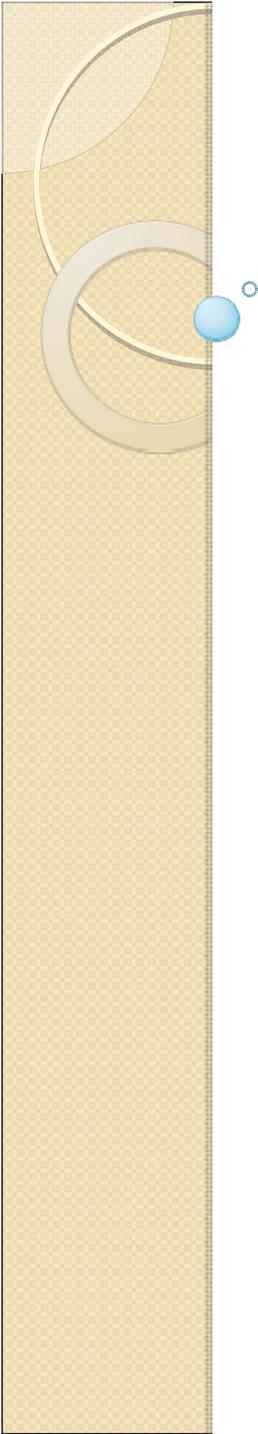
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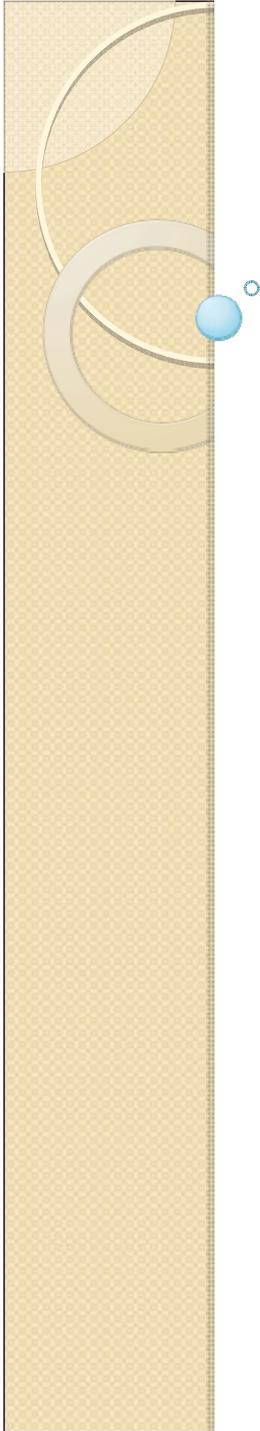
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**Thank you for this opportunity to
introduce
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We welcome your questions .**