

DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE TEAM



▶ So, you want to be on the team? It's easy! Complete the application form and get it to us! There are three ways to get it to us...

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The deadline is **June 15, 2005**

SEND IT IN TODAY

## THE HILOPA`A PROJECT

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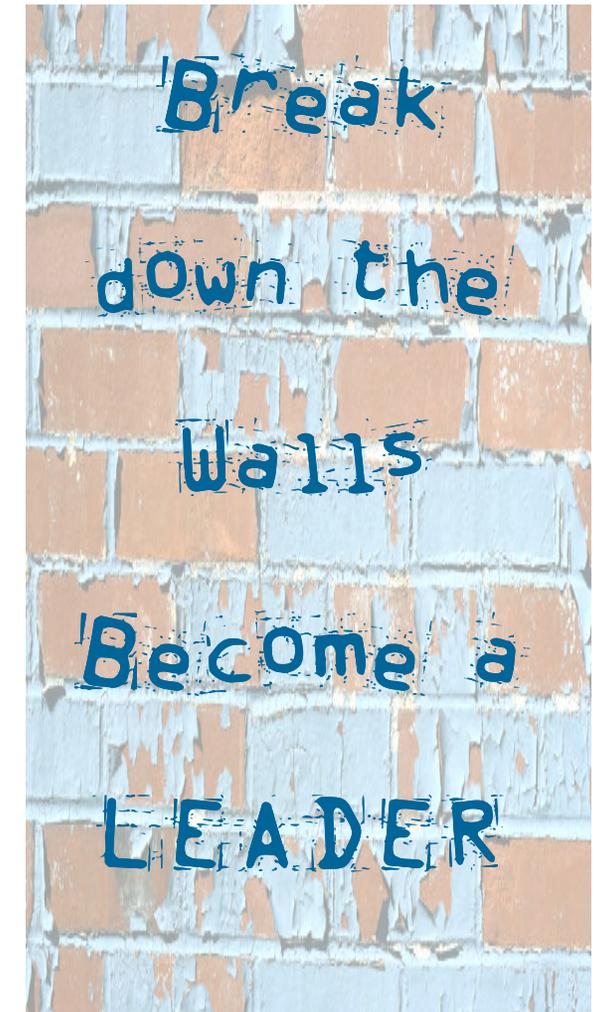
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## WE NEED YOU!

Have you ever said to yourself, "I wish I was in charge!" or have you wondered if the people who makes decisions about kids were really ever kids? Here's your chance to find out. We are looking for

youth ages 16–23

who are interested in becoming leaders.

You provide your Voice, insight, and experiences and we'll provide you the



opportunities to be heard and to make a difference. Eligible applicants must have a special health care need or may have a loved one or close friend with a disability or chronic health condition. Complete the attached application and submit it by June 15, 2005. Become a leader today to have an impact on the youth of tomorrow!

## WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

As a member of our Youth Advisory Council, we ask that you would:

- Attend 6 meetings a year
- Develop a "position" on an issue and share it with others
- Provide input into the legislative process
- Plan an event to educate decision and policy makers
- Advise physicians about how you manage your own health
- Tell us about the things you wish you knew about transitioning to adulthood

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

As mentors to the Youth Advisory Council, we will guide you and provide you with the training and support to help you develop the following abilities:

- Run an advisory meeting
- Develop an agenda
- Learn how laws and policies are made
- "Tell your story" in front of different kinds of audiences
- Plan events
- Work with the media



We'll also provide you any resource materials and or additional information you may need.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?



Besides being able to meet really cool people and make

some new friends, the Youth Advisory Council will take your input and affect the way the Department of Health and physicians plan for youths with special health care needs as they transition into adulthood. Think about it, while your friends are laying around the house doing nothing this summer, you can be strengthening your skills and becoming one of those people you always hear about—the kind of person who can make a difference.

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