CAC CORNER: SEE POTENTIAL, NOT LIMITATIONS

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This month's Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) blog is by Matthew Bone, a family advocate CAC member.

A dad’s opportunity to brag...

My daughter who, without regard to having a genetic skin condition, decided to study theater and recently won an award in a national competition.

Kirstin Bone

For me, that is not of significant importance. What is important is that, in spite of a disability that would prevent many people from even trying to pursue a career in theater, and in spite of a lack of encouragement from some of her associates, and outright discouragement from others, she has continued to do what she likes and what makes her happy. She has very clear goals, and has set in her mind how she defines success. She is accomplishing her goals, and being very successful.

Because of the award she won, many universities are encouraging her to pursue her master's degree with them. Not bad considering many people felt she would never be able to get her bachelors in the field of theater with her disability.

I am hoping from this you will take the message that it does not matter what your disability is, you can accomplish things that other people cannot comprehend. While they see your limitations, you know your potential. Don’t let the limitations they see stand in your way.

The members of the Consumer Advisory Council would like to wish all of you a Happy Holiday season, and a wonderful New Year!