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This CAC Corner message is from Mathew Bone, a family-representative member of the Consumer Advisory Council.

Recently I was spotted wearing my CPD T-shirt and a friend asked why I was wearing Utah State University when I was a Ute (University of Utah). I explained to him about the CPD and being on the Consumer Advisory Council. I was also able to explain about the really cool stuff the CPD does.

This led me to think about a few things.

I have recently been challenged by some “situational abilities.” You might ask what a “situational inability” is, and you would be right in doing so because I made it up. While the term is made up, the reality of situational abilities are real. For example, I am unable to travel for work as much as they would like me to. This is due to a need to be able to go to family therapy sessions, and to be there at other times for a person with a disability. I have the physical ability to travel, but situationally, I cannot.

These situational abilities are small by comparison to the physical and mental disabilities that many people need to deal with on a regular basis, but the realization that someone’s disability was having a direct impact on my abilities was a discovery to me. I thought I should have realized it much earlier, but I did not.

This led me to consider the things the CPD does for people. Through educational efforts, studies, and projects to help the disabled and their families, the CPD has the ability to make the disabilities and “situational disabilities” of these people to be a little less debilitating.

On this anniversary of the founding of the CPD, I say Kudos to them for a job well done, and I hope to see it continue and grow for many years to come.

You can read more about the 40th Anniversary of the CPD and celebration activities on our web site.