The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth’s (MACY) Youth Engagement Program is conducting a research project on services provided to children who live with disabilities and we are looking for children and youth who may be interested in having their voices heard regarding their experience in receiving disability services.

At MACY we strive to amplify voices of children and youth and hear their perspectives/experiences. We are looking for young people who have lived experience that can provide their insight on this topic and answer questions regarding the support they have received and what they feel adults need to know about being someone who lives with a disability.

If you are interested in learning about the youth engagement work MACY has been doing in Manitoba over the last year, I have attached a link to our Youth Companion Document called “Nothing About Us, Without Us” which was released alongside the MACY 2019-2020 Annual report. This document focuses on the accomplishments and work of the Youth Engagement program and Youth Ambassador Advisory Squad (YAAS!) from 2019-2020. [MACY-Youth-Booklet-Press-File-02-10.23.2020.pdf (manitobaadvocate.ca)](https://manitobaadvocate.ca/wp-content/uploads/MACY-Youth-Booklet-Press-File-02-10.23.2020.pdf)

The options available for having their voice included are:

1.      Focus Group - This would occur over **Zoom** and would involve facilitators from our office leading activities and asking some questions that young people would talk about in a group setting.

2.      Photo/Art piece- Which will be followed up with a brief individual interview to understand the meaning of the art piece.

*\*Participants will receive a $15 Gift Card honorarium\**

This aspect of the research project will be led by Jon Skrypnyk and Cathy Cook from the Youth Engagement Team. If you or the child/youth has any questions please feel free to contact us at 1-800-263-7146, jskrypnyk@manitobaadvocate.ca or ccook@manitobaadvocate.ca.

If you have any children/youth in mind who may be interested in participating via either of the above options please reply to us with the young person’s name, age and how we are to get in touch with them.  We are hoping to gather this information from the youth as soon as we are able to coordinate participants.