

# Marisol Does It All!

Marisol, from Deer Park, Long Island, is a person with a developmental disability whose parents were told she would not live past the age of 5 because of being misdiagnosed. But today she serves as Regional Organizer for SANYS (the Self-Advocacy Association of New York State), as the Administrative Assistant for SDMNY's Long Island site, and as a trained SDMNY facilitator who became interested in SDM after attending a presentation at a regional SANYS meeting. She believes strongly in everyone's right to make their own decisions, and also saw how SDM and an SDMA could help her with her own medical decisions. She still intends to do her own SDMA, but here she explains why that hasn't happened yet.

Marisol is too modest to say so, but her daughter not only just graduated from high school (and is heading to college in the fall) but earned a Distinction Regents Diploma!

So, to a great mom, disability activist, and SDMNY stalwart,

## Thanks and Congratulations

—and, because we hear it's coming up on the 28th,

## Happy Birthday Marisol!

