Justin speaks out in "Respecting the Young Adult Patient."
Sometimes people tell their own stories so much better
than we can. Over the years, different projects within
the CPD have produced videos highlighting people with
disabilities. Some are public service announcements,
some are used for training. They all allow people with
disabilities to tell their own stories, in their own words. "We
wanted to take a different route in comparison to what
we've seen out there," said Sachin Pavithran, Americans
with Disabilities Act coordinator at the CPD. He and
Marty Blair, the CPD's assistant director for Policy and
Development, worked on public service announcements
that sent a positive, unsentimental message about hiring
people with disabilities. Pavithran serves on the DBTAC
Rocky Mountain ADA Center network. It was through their
relationship with the Rocky Mountain center that Pavithran
and Blair began work on 30-second public service
announcements, designing and scripting the commercials.
They showcased successful people with disabilities in
their careers. In the announcements, Utah Department of
Workforce Services Executive Director Kristen Cox says
her blindness is one characteristic among many. Graphic
designer Colby Anderson urges viewers to brand people
according to their abilities. Another video features young
self-advocates as they discuss transitioning from pediatric
to adult care--and taking responsibility for their own health.
Now, after all that filming and editing, their work has a
home on YouTube. Check out the CPD's video channel,
and check it again--we hope to have more to share soon.