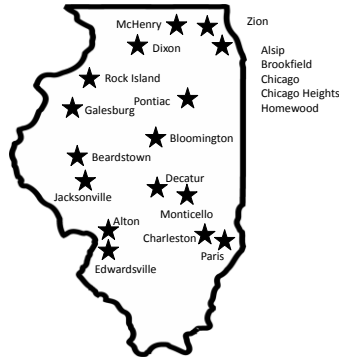


Illinois Self Advocacy Alliance

The Alliance News

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The Alliance is comprised of self-advocates and self-advocacy groups in Illinois. We are now 25 member groups strong as we welcome the newest member group, Clark/Edgar Alliance Advocates (Paris)!

Clark/Edgar Alliance Advocates meet twice a month. Their mission/vision is "I will stand up for myself and others to determine what we will allow in our lives". The group's goals are:

- To study local, regional, state and national issues that affect people with disabilities
- To advocate for people with disabilities by promoting inclusion and positive change.

Welcome Clark/Edgar Alliance Advocates; we are excited to learn with and from you!

Our goal is to have 40 member groups by 2021...we are more than 1/2 way there!

Want to become a member group? Contact us at info@selfadvocacyalliance.org to learn more.

Our Vision

Our vision is for self-advocates to work together to get the support we need to live the life we want in the community.

Our Mission

Our mission is to speak up for ourselves and each other while working together to make changes in our communities and in Illinois.

Our Focus

Our focus is on empowering people to speak up about what they want and need, don't want and don't need, action plan their goals and participate in advocacy at the personal, agency, community and statewide levels.



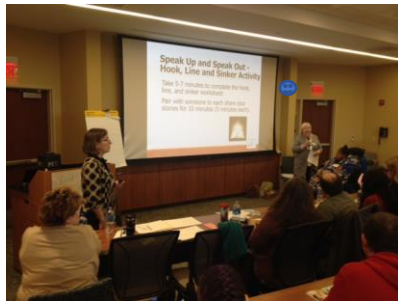
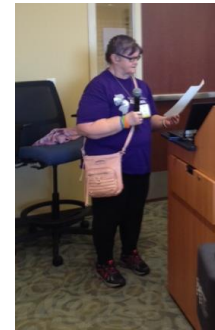
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On February 26 in Murphysboro and March 6 in Galesburg, self-advocates, family members, professionals and allies came together with the Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance (The Alliance) and The Arc of Illinois for a day of interactive learning and advocacy. Participants learned with and from each other about

- Self-advocacy and how to speak up
- Adult services in Illinois, case management, and navigating the system
- 2019 legislation and policy priorities that could impact you, people you support, family members with disabilities

Springfield – March 19, 2019



Joliet – March 20, 2019



Arlington Heights – March 26, 2019



HELP WANTED! Tell Us About Where You Live and Why!

What? We are doing research with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families about where people with IDD live and their experiences there. This research includes an online survey about your thoughts and experiences related to where you live and why you decided to live there. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

Who? People with IDD and family members of people with IDD 18 years and older. People with guardians will need to obtain the guardian's permission before deciding to participate by filling out the survey.

How much? You will be paid a \$15 gift card for participating.

Where? <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IDDHousingSurvey>

Questions? Contact Carli at cfriedman@thecouncil.org or 407-733-6676.

Upcoming Webinars



**“Disability History”
Thursday, May 2, 2019
10am CDT**

Learn about disability history with Nell Koneczny, a graduate student in Disability Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5455486824124594700>

**‘Hello, How May I Help You?’ How the Illinois
Human Rights Authority Can Help You Maintain Your Rights”
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
10:00 AM CDT**

This presentation will explain about the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission; Describe the Mission of the Human Rights Authority; Explain how the Authority can assist with retaining your rights; and Give examples of how the Authority has helped people.

Gene Seaman is the managing administrator for the southern regions of the Human Rights Authority, a division of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission. In addition to managing, Gene works on community outreach and marketing for the division. The Human Rights Authority serves as the investigatory body of the agency and serves people with disabilities throughout the state of Illinois. Prior to managing, Gene worked as the Human Rights Authority Coordinator for the Peoria region for over 8 years.

Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8200243879341915148>

WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

WE NEED YOU... to contribute to The Alliance newsletter each month. Share your ideas, hopes, dreams, success stories and challenges with The Alliance. You can submit an article, a poem, a piece of artwork, photography, write a column, or ask a question.

Let us know if you have any questions. Submit your content to info@selfadvocacyalliance.org.

Recent Webinar Recordings

“Equip for Equality: The Illinois Protection and Advocacy System” Webinar Recording Recorded live on Thursday, March 21, 2019

Learn about the history and purpose of the federal Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System for people with disabilities and the services and programs provided by Equip for Equality, Illinois' Protection and Advocacy System. The webinar will be presented by Cheryl Jansen, Public Policy Director for Equip for Equality.

View the recording at

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/5116858132953869827>

“Welcome to Partners in Policymaking” Webinar Recording Recorded Live on Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Join self-advocates and Illinois Partners in Policymaking ® (PIP) graduates Brian and Melissa as they share about PIP, what they learned during PIP, and how you can apply for the Fall 2019 session of PIP. PIP is a leadership training program designed for parents of school age children with developmental disabilities and adults with disabilities.

View the recording at

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/8077446023299628291?assets=true>

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Registration Now Open for the 6th Annual Going Home Advocacy Day

Join hundreds of self-advocates and allies in **speaking up** and **speaking out** in support of community living for people with disabilities.

Thursday, May 16, 2019
Illinois State Capitol Rotunda in Springfield
8.30am (registration begins) – 2.30pm
Rally begins at 11am with lunch immediately after

After lunch, come back to the Rotunda for the
INCIL (Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living)
Rally at 1pm!

Going Home is an advocacy campaign dedicated to full inclusion and equality for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Going Home Campaign and INCIL (Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living) are partnering to make both our rallies even better!

For more information, please visit www.goinghomeillinois.org.

We are stronger when we are working together!

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Agency/Group Name _____

Address _____

Contact Person Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Total Number Attending (include self-advocates, family members, allies/support staff): _____

T-shirt Sizes/Amounts (must equal total number attending):

_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL
 _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ 5XL

Accommodation Requests (sack lunches will be provided to all participants):

____ Dietary requirements – please specify. NOTE: Any physician-prescribed dietary requirements will be accommodated; food preferences will not be honored _____

____ Other requests – please specify _____

Sign language interpreters and light PA services will be available

Please register by Wednesday, May 1, 2019 online at

<https://the-arc-of-illinois.networkforgood.com/events/12350-6th-annual-going-home-advocacy-day>

or by mail or email to:

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