

The Alliance News



Operation: Community Access

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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.

Mission

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

The Alliance is proud to be an Initiative of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

**SPEAK UP AND
SPEAK OUT**
summit

SAVE THE DATE!

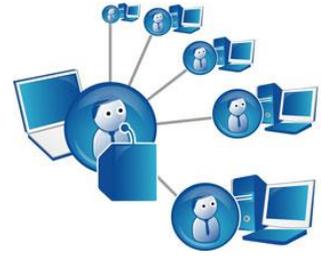
October 31 – November 1, 2017
Wyndham Springfield City Centre
(formerly Hilton Hotel)
Springfield, Illinois

Stay tuned for more information!

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July 2017 Webinar Recording!**"We Are Self-Advocates" Webinar Recorded Live on July 18, 2017**

Join Daniel and Kathy, self-advocates at CTF Illinois Advocacy Center Champaign as they take you through the pieces of the self-advocacy puzzle ~ who, what, when, where ~ needed to speak up and speak out for your life!



Access the recording at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3924478441032064001>

Welcome to College for Life!

Left to right: Krescene Beck, Alliance Project Coordinator; Jody Rees, self-advocate; Michele Westmaas, College for Life Coordinator.

In July, Jody, Michele and Krescene met with learning coaches, instructors, and staff of John Wood Community College's (Quincy) College for Life Program. College for Life is a new pilot program launched by John Wood Community College to provide a post-high school educational experience for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Jody, Michele and Krescene shared about supporting diverse learners through principles of adult learning and Universal Design.

Learn more about the College for Life Program at www.jwcc.edu/communityed/college-for-life/

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Starting Tuesday, August 1, 2017 uberWAV product will be available in Chicago. uberWAV was previously available in Chicago on a limited view for riders who entered in a special promo code. With the expansion, riders across Chicago can open their Uber app, tap a button on their smartphone, and get connected with a wheelchair accessible vehicle, no promo code required.

Our plan will dedicate substantial resources to bring 65 additional wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVs) online, increasing the number of WAVs in the City of Chicago by nearly 25%.

Not only will this increase transportation options for riders with disabilities, but it will also create new opportunities for drivers who will be able to rent or lease qualifying vehicles from vehicle partners at favorable rates, allowing them to help their community in a whole new way. Uber will connect these drivers with third party organizations so they can receive the certification needed to operate accessible vehicles. Uber will also offer special incentives to WAV driver-partners and increase our investment in community outreach and marketing so that those who need a ride know that Uber is available.

We've created the promo code ISAWAV17 which will get 50 people members their next two uberWAV rides free up to \$20 each—\$2,000 in total. We'd love for you to try it out and give us your feedback.

Please feel free to reach out to Catalina, catalina.lauf@uber.com, for more information on the product.

Whether it's getting to a doctor's appointment, or a trip to the grocery store, everyone should have access to safe, affordable, and reliable transportation.

Developing and implementing new solutions to this ongoing mobility challenge is an issue we take very seriously, and we are eager to continue working with leaders and advocates across the disability community to support everyone's ability to push a button and get a ride.

Regards,

Marco McCottry
Uber | General Manager

**The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois
and the
Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living**

SILC and INCIL are pleased to host a series of webinars designed to enhance patient advocacy for persons with disabilities at hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

Speaker Andrés Gallegos, Esq. will provide monthly webinars focusing on the rights of people with disabilities to accessible healthcare and teaching participants to "Act B-A-D," a three-phase patient advocacy strategy.

Each month's webinar will focus on a specific disability population for members of that populations, their families and their advocates.

Each webinar will be held from 1pm - 3pm
and end with a live Q & A period.

Registration is not necessary. Links to join the webinar are below.

August 23 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing (<https://incil.adobeconnect.com/silcdhh/>)

September 20 - Mobility Disabilities (<https://incil.adobeconnect.com/silcmd/>)

October 25 - DD / ID (<https://incil.adobeconnect.com/silcddid/>)

November 15 - Blind and Visual Disabilities (<https://incil.adobeconnect.com/silcbvd/>)

*All of the webinars will be captioned, recorded and posted to
www.silcofillinois.org for your viewing pleasure 24/7.*



SAVE THE DATE

**Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities
1st Annual Live a Life Like Any Other Conference**

Come To...

- *Learn how the Council's investments are making Illinois communities more inclusive!*
- *Learn how you can possibly replicate a successful project in your service area!*
- *Learn about project sustainability!*
- *Network with statewide community agencies!*

Who is Invited?...

- *Interested service providers!*
- *Local funding entities!*
- *Individuals with disabilities and their family members!*



**THIS EVENT IS FREE!
SPACE IS LIMITED!**



Come ready to learn & collaborate!

Event Information...

Thursday, September 14, 2017

8:00 am—4:00 pm

*Bloomington-Normal
Marriott Hotel*

*201 Broadway Ave,
Normal, IL 61761*

Visit the link to get more information on hotel accommodations!



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MARIEL HAMER AT MARIELHAMER@ILLINOIS.GOV.

VISIT THE ICDD WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.illinois.gov/icdd/>