

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



The Alliance will be hiring Regional Self-Advocate Leaders in the North Chicago, South Chicago, Central, and Southern Illinois regions (one leader for each region). Regional Self-Advocate leaders will work up to ten (10) hours per month with Alliance staff to increase self-advocate involvement on statewide committees/workgroups and in presentations.

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Supportive Housing: Opportunities. Freedom. Choices. Webinar
Tuesday, January 12, 2016 10am CST



Join John Fallon and Stephanie Sideman of CSH as they focus on what supportive housing is and how to advocate for new choices if you want to live in your own affordable home, with or without a roommate, with supportive services. They will also share how to find supportive housing as well as how to build a support network in your community.

Please register for Supportive Housing: Opportunities. Freedom. Choices. Webinar on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 10am CST by going to

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8007732560913355266>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Save the Date!

The Facts About Adult Issues for People with Disabilities

A conference presented by The Network, self-advocacy group

Topics covered:

Your financial house", Community housing options,
Local and state wide self-advocacy groups: The Alliance and The Network,
The difference between Home Services and Home Based Support Services
(PA vs PSW)

March 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey, Illinois

For more information, contact Michelle at 618-972-9024

With support from: Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois, The Arc of Illinois - Ligas Family Advocate Program, The Alliance, IMPACT Center for Independent Living, and Lewis & Clark Community College



Save the Date

for the 4th Annual

Going Home Advocacy Day

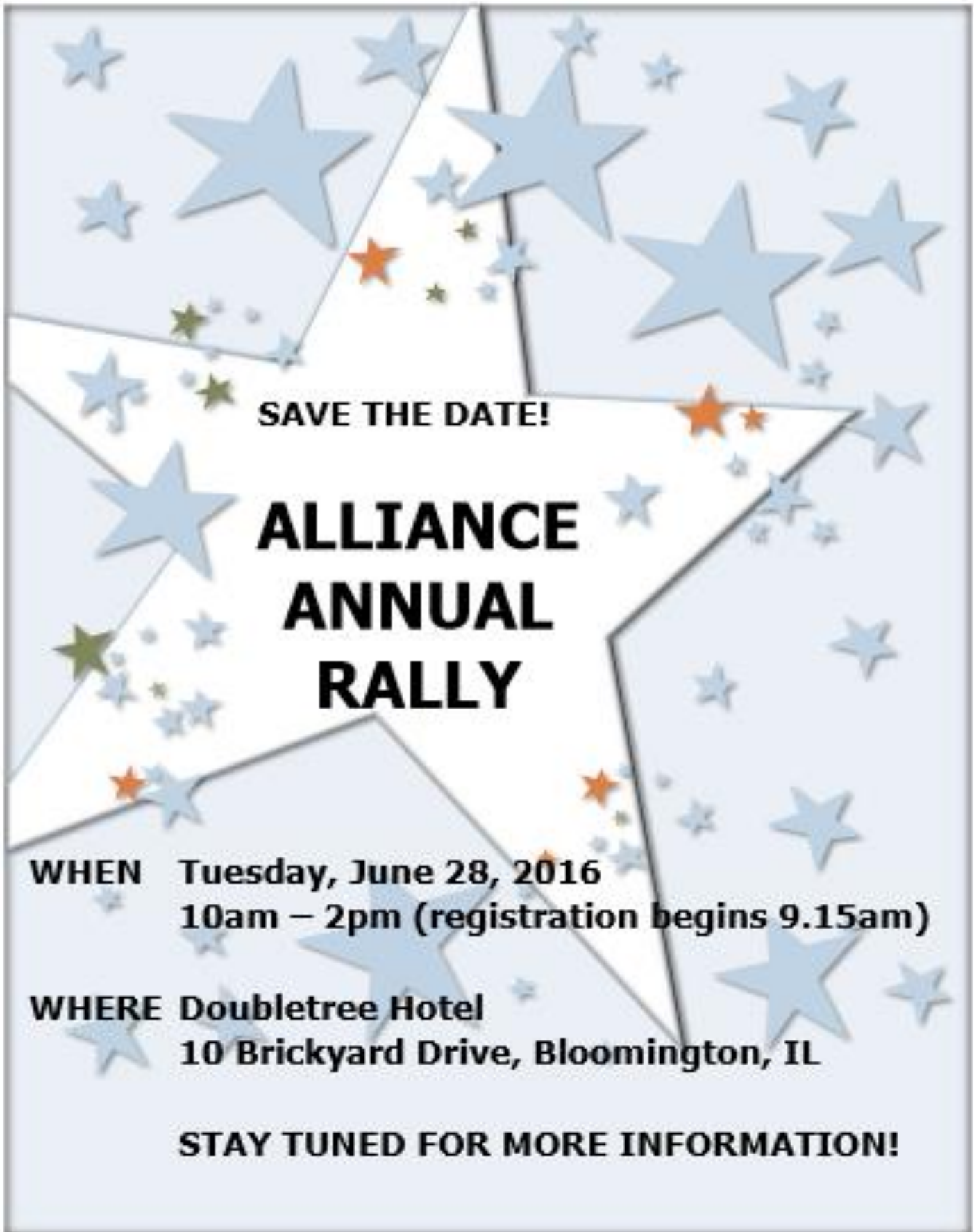
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
Illinois State Capitol Rotunda
Springfield, Illinois

8.30am (registration begins) – 2.30pm
Rally begins at 11am

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

Going Home is an advocacy campaign dedicated to full inclusion and
equality for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Watch for information and registration.

We are a lot stronger when we work together!



SAVE THE DATE!

**ALLIANCE
ANNUAL
RALLY**

WHEN Tuesday, June 28, 2016
10am – 2pm (registration begins 9.15am)

WHERE Doubletree Hotel
10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington, IL

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Welcome to The Tech Toolbox! The Arc's Tech Toolbox is a place to find, share, rate and review technology for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD). Through this directory, chapter staff, people with I/DD, and the general public can find, review, and post examples of technology tools that work well for them. The Tech Toolbox currently contains nearly 500 apps and devices.

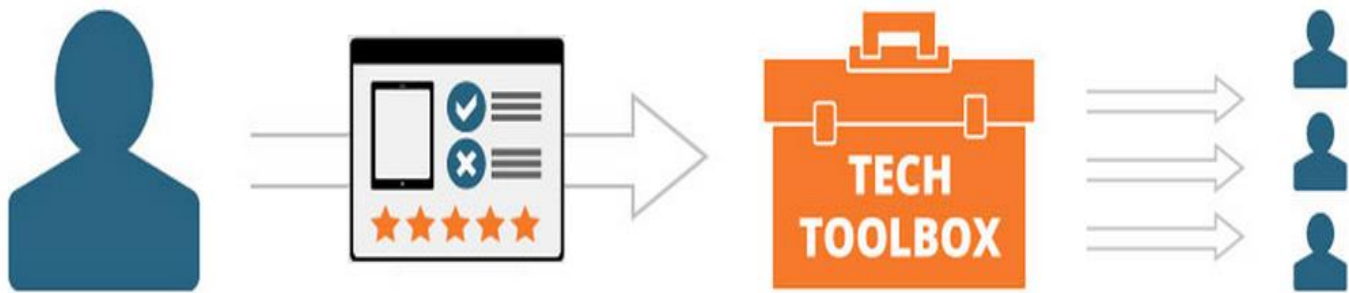
YOU CAN ADD TOOLS

New apps, devices and websites are emerging every day. Post descriptions of new technology products, so that others can learn about them.



YOU CAN REVIEW TOOLS

Decide what technology products might work for you or a person with I/DD in your life, by learning from the reviews, ratings and stories of others.



Check out The Tech Toolbox at <https://toolbox.thearc.org>.

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Be a Part of Advocacy in Action by attending your local Advisory Council Meeting**North Suburban**

To Be Announced
Community Alternatives Unlimited
8765 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL

North Central

Tuesday, January 5, 2016
10am
Freedom Hall (Morton Park District building)
349 W. Birchwood
Morton, IL

Northwest

Tuesday, January 12, 2016
4.30pm
Milestone Training Center
4504 Shepherd Trail
Rockford, IL

City of Chicago

To Be Announced
UIC's Institute on Disabilities and Human Development (Auditorium)
1640 W. Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL

Central Region

Thursday, February 12, 2016
12.30pm
DHS DDD - Centrum Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room
319 East Madison
Springfield, IL

Southern Region

To Be Announced

South Suburban

Thursday, February 18, 2016
2pm
Suburban Access
900 Maplewood Avenue
Homewood, IL