

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

We did it! We are a lot stronger when we work together!

19 months
 2,000+ individual petitions signed
 37 individual ally petitions signed
 1 large petition signed by DHS DDD Director Greg Fenton
 Operation: Community Access Campaign Complete!



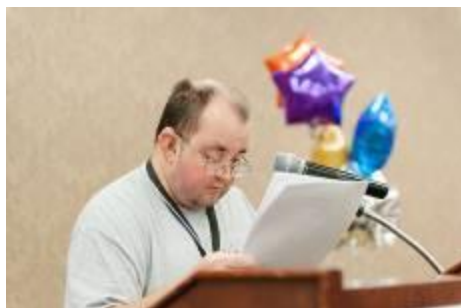
Check out pages 2 and 3 for more information on The Alliance's Annual Rally celebrating the completion of the Operation: Community Access campaign!

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On Tuesday, June 28, 2016, more than 230 self-advocate and allies gathered in Bloomington, Illinois for The Alliance's Annual Rally, a time to celebrate the completion of the Operation: Community Access campaign. During the rally, the campaign Steering Committee shared the following timeline of the campaign:

- Campaign starts at the Board of Directors meeting in November 2014
- A logo is created
- Information from self-advocates is gathered through a survey
- A Steering Committee is formed
 - o Heather C., Self-Advocates of Lake County
 - o Adam C., The Network
 - o Judy D., CTF Advocacy Group
 - o Deb F., Sertoma United
 - o Michael J., Speak Out Rock Island
 - o Kevin L., AIM
 - o Tavarus W., ROHSA
- Hold regional trainings to educate self-advocates on the campaign in early 2015
- Alliance member groups work on the Operation: Community Access goals they set at the regional trainings
- Alliance member groups report on progress towards their goals at the 2015 Alliance rally
- Data collected through surveys is presented at Speak Up and Speak Out 2015
- Self-advocate and ally petitions are created and shared
- Present signed individual self-advocate and ally petitions to DHS DD Director Greg Fenton at The Alliance's annual rally in June 2016 and ask him to sign in support of including Community Access in the waiver





Check out all the pictures from the annual rally by going to The Alliance's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisSelfAdvocacyAlliance/?fref=ts>

Advocacy in Action

For self-advocates of Alliance member group Change to Independence Altogether (CIA) in Bloomington-Normal, putting advocacy into action means developing a webinar on respect that will be presented Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities' staff. The development process began in April 2016 and a practice presentation was given to management staff at Marcfirst. Feedback was given, the information revised, and self-advocates will continue to practice until they give the presentation in August!



EyeNote is a free mobile device application to identify denominations of Federal Reserve Notes (U.S. paper currency) as an aid for the blind or visually impaired.

The EyeNote application (app) was developed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) for the blind or visually impaired to use as a tool to increase accessibility to Federal Reserve Notes (U.S. paper currency). EyeNote® is built for the Apple iOS to allow the user to scan a bank note and communicate its value back to the user.



The app is available as a free download on the Apple App Store. It runs without any special filters or background material. A data connection is not required for the app to work.

Learn more by visiting www.eyenote.gov.

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Rescheduled

New Date

Muse Fest 2016

August 13th, 2016
11:00am - 6:00pm
Between 7th St. & 8th St. on
Jackson Ave. in Charleston IL

Celebrating local Artists
and Musicians

Arts & Crafts Show
Exhibitors Welcome!

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Chicago's Disability Pride Parade
Learn more at www.disabilityprideparade.org

The 13th Annual Disability Pride Parade
Continuing the drive: Inclusion Matters
Date: July 23, 2016



Did You Know...

If you want to vote in the Illinois General Election, which includes voting for President of the United States, on November 8, 2016, you must register to vote by October 11, 2016. Learn more at U.S. Vote Foundation at www.usvotefoundation.org.

**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, September 6, 2016
10 – 10.30am
By Conference Call Only

Northwest

Tuesday, July 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

To Be Announced
DHS DDD - Centrum Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room
319 East Madison
Springfield, IL

Southern Region

Wednesday, August 17, 2016
10.30am
Southern Illinois Case Coordination
140 South Locust
Centralia, IL

South Suburban

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