

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.

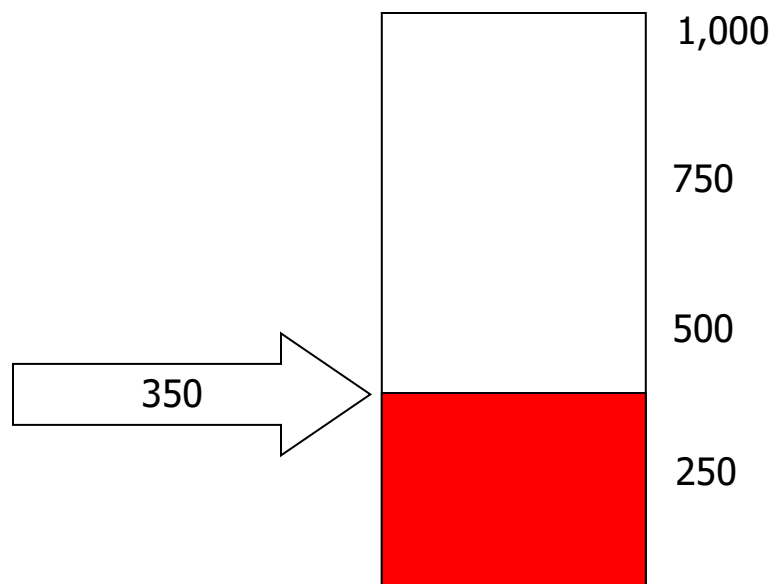
Mission

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're Working Toward Our Goal of 1,000 Signed Petitions!

The Operation: Community Access Steering Committee has set a goal of getting at least 1,000 signed petitions to present to DHS DDD Director Greg Fenton in June 2016. We need your help to make Operation: Community Access a reality. If you have already signed a petition, thank you! If you haven't, there is a petition on page 2 that you can print and sign; if you are able, make extra copies and ask your friends, family members, agency staff, and others to sign! Send your signed petitions to The Alliance, P.O. Box 666, Park Forest, IL 60466.



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Operation: Community Access

The Alliance's Operation: Community Access Petition

The Alliance is statewide collaboration between self-advocates, member groups, agencies, and organizations. We the self-advocates, have gathered together to work on a campaign called "Operation: Community Access"; we want flexible day services for people with disabilities so we can make more choices about what we want to do during the day.

We believe it is important for people with disabilities to

- be a part of our communities;
- use our voices to self-advocate; and
- to advocate for the rights of others.

I support self-advocates in having flexibility in making more choices in activities during the day.

Name (please print) _____

City/Town _____, Illinois



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Social Capital and Building Your Network Webinar
Tuesday, March 23, 2016 10am CST



Meet Martha, a self-advocate living in Bloomington-Normal. Martha will talk from personal experience about how she and her friends have built social capital and personal connections. As a self-advocate, Martha lives in her own apartment, has worked in the community, volunteers in the community and speaks in various settings about the importance of people living in their own homes.

Please register for Self-Advocacy Through Artwork with the 9 Muses on Tuesday, March 23, 2016 at 10am CST by going to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/246316264326474498>

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

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On Friday, February 26, 2016, self-advocates of The Alliance's member group Livingston County Advocates in Action (LCAA) presented on employment and self-advocacy during the keynote, breakout sessions, the "What Not To Wear" lunchtime fashion show, and the closing session for 40+ transition students from area high schools at the Livingston County Special Services Unit (LCSSU) Transition Conference in Pontiac, Illinois.



If you are a person with a disability seeking employment with the state, a free webinar will be provided on March 22nd from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Jaci DeBrun of Central Management Services and Alicia Rentmeister of Department of Human Services' Division of Rehabilitation Services will provide information on the state's Successful Disability Opportunities program, how to apply and how to seek assistance from the Rehabilitation Services.

You must sign on a computer in order to participate in the webinar. To register, please send Susan Allen an email at Susan.Allen@illinois.gov.

The webinar is sponsored by CMS and ICED.

In case you missed it

Missed the 9 Muses' Self-Advocacy Through Artwork webinar on February 23, 2016? No worries...we can send you the recording! Just e-mail Krescene Beck at krescenebeck@gmail.com, and put Self-Advocacy Through Artwork Webinar in the subject line.



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.

Registration is now open – registration form on next page

We are a lot stronger when we work together!



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

Agency/Group Name _____

Address _____

Contact Person Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

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

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

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

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, April 27, 2016 by mail, email, or fax to:
 Krescene Beck Mail: 6754 Middlegate Lane, Glen Carbon, IL 62034
 Email: krescenebeck@gmail.com Fax: 217.875.8899

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!

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, March 2, 2016
10am
Freedom Hall (Morton Park District building)
349 W. Birchwood
Morton, IL

Northwest

Tuesday, March 8, 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, May 12, 2016
12.30pm
DHS DDD - Centrum Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room
319 East Madison
Springfield, IL

Southern Region

Wednesday, May 18, 2016
10.30am
Bel-Air Bowl (downstairs meeting room)
200 South Belt West
Belleville, IL

South Suburban

Thursday, May 19, 2016
2pm
Suburban Access
900 Maplewood Avenue
Homewood, IL