

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.

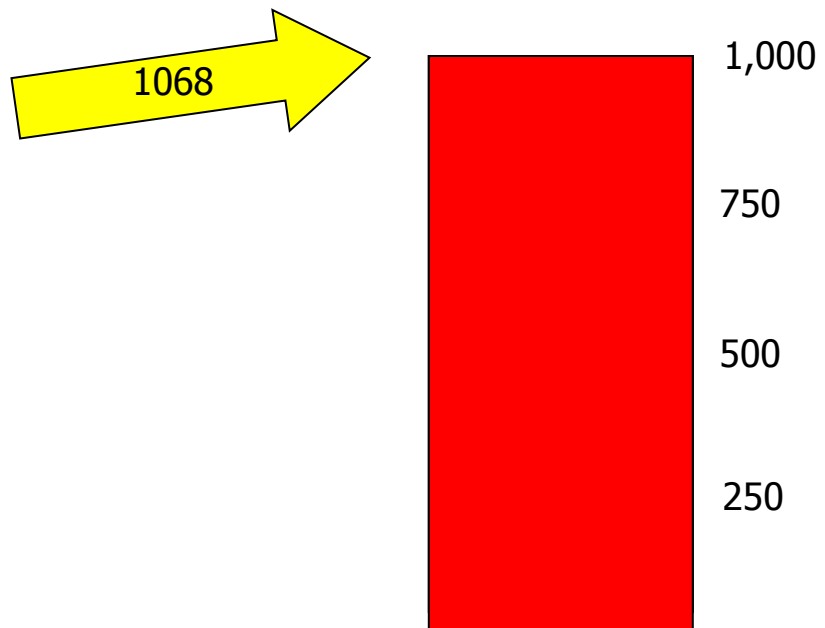
Mission

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 Exceeded Our Goal of 1,000 Signed Petitions and We Continue To Gather More!

The Operation: Community Access Steering Committee set a goal of getting at least 1,000 signed petitions to present to DHS DDD Director Greg Fenton in June 2016. You are helping 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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Thank you so much to the twenty-five (25) allies that have signed on in support of Operation: Community Access. These agencies/organizations support flexible day services so people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have more flexibility in choosing what they want to participate in during the day.

INCIL (Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living)

Blue Tower Training

Butterflies for Change

Illinois Association for Microboards & Cooperatives

Disability Beat

Options In Advocacy (McHenry)

CSO/RIM (Moline)

UIC Institute on Disability & Human Development (IDHD)

UIC Developmental Disabilities Family Clinics

SILC of Illinois (Statewide Independent Living Centers of Illinois)

The Arc of the Quad Cities Area

Community Choices

IPADDU (Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities Unite)

Disability Beat

The Arc of Illinois

Family Support Network

Illinois LEND

Sibling Leadership Network

Eastern Illinois University

Equip for Equality

Macon Resources, Inc.

CSH

Gateway Services

Center for Independent Futures

Institute on Public Policy

The Alliance at The Arc of Illinois Annual Conference

On April 21, Michael Johnson from the Arc of the Quad Cities and Alliance staff member, Leanne Roth, presented about Operation Community Access at this year's ARC convention. People who attended the session signed petitions and several took Ally petitions back to be signed by their Executive Directors. Has the Executive Director where you receive services signed on as an ally yet? If not, be sure to ask!



Cami Smith, self-advocate from RGA Council, joined Alliance staff Tara Wickey and Megan Norlin in sharing information and resources about self-advocacy at the conference.

Join us in congratulating Krescene Beck on her ARC Leadership Award! She was nominated by the board and staff of The Alliance for her work with Illinois Voices, New Visions and The Alliance. Thank you Krescene for all you do to advance the self-advocacy movement.



In case you missed it

Missed the Let's Get Ready for the Going Home Rally webinar on April 19, 2016? No worries...we can send you the recording! Just e-mail Krescene Beck at krescenebeck@gmail.com, and put Going Home Rally Webinar in the subject line.



Envision for Freedom self-advocacy group members taking time out from their self-advocacy meeting to represent in their Alliance t-shirts.

**The ADA Game Webinar
Tuesday, May 24, 2016 10am CST**



Let's Get Ready to Play The ADA Game! Come and test your knowledge of The American's With Disabilities Act. We ask questions, you answer, and we all learn together in a fun little, webinar based game all about the ADA.

Please register for The ADA Game Webinar on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 10am CST by going to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2689191409291357196>

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



Many people struggle with Cerebral Palsy in today's world. Our goal at Disability Awareness is to provide individuals with Cerebral Palsy with a voice. As we also have Cerebral Palsy (Chris Lenart & Lisa Cesal), we understand the challenges, hardships, and hurdles one faces when living a life with CP. We are here to provide quality information to help you become the best you possible, while providing you with a support system you can always count on.

Check out Disability Awareness at <http://disabilityawareness.us/>

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Supportive Housing Workbook for People with Developmental Disabilities and their Families

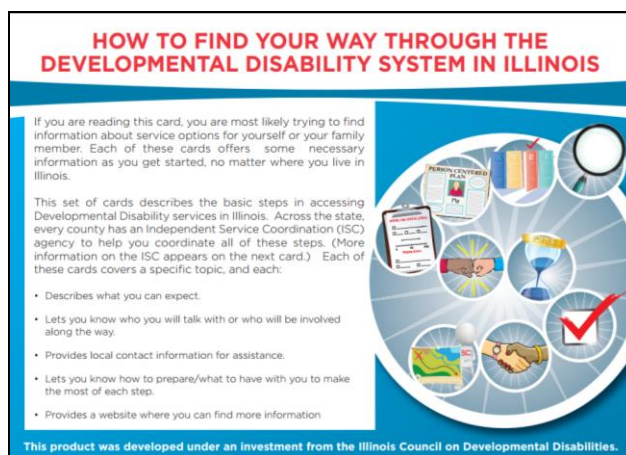
As part of our ongoing program work in Illinois, and with the support of the Illinois Council for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ICDD), CSH has developed a Supportive Housing Workbook for People with Developmental Disabilities and their Families.

This Workbook assists families as they move through the process of selecting an ideal affordable housing setting and matching it to the person-centered support services needed to live independently. After understanding what type of housing could be right, the family can determine if it is available locally or in another community.

If the appropriate housing does not exist, this Workbook lays out a strategy that families can follow to make sure developers create housing that works for their family member as well as other families in the local community. This includes an explanation of steps to unite and create the required coalitions and grass-roots support that drive developers and service providers toward creation of the appropriate housing.

The Workbook also includes helpful information about supportive housing. Families impacted by intellectual or developmental disabilities are excited when they learn supportive housing is a viable option and are eager for it to be included in the array of housing and services available to their family members.

See more at: <http://www.csh.org/2016/03/13115/#sthash.qPkPQuQC.dpufwww.csh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/IDD-Family-Supportive-Housing-Workbook.pdf>



Below is a link to materials developed under an investment from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. These materials describe the basic steps in accessing developmental disability services in Illinois and provide information on a variety of topics. We hope you will find them interesting and informative.

Check it out at www.illinois.gov/icdd/Documents/FLASH%20CARDS.pdf



ARE YOU (OR YOUR LOVED ONE)
WORKING FOR LESS THAN MINIMUM WAGE?

Help Equip for Equality Learn More About Subminimum Wage Payments in Illinois!

BACKGROUND	
Name (and name of guardian, if applicable)	
Age	
Address	
Phone number	
Email address	

YOUR JOB	
Where do you work?	
What is your job?	
How long have you worked there?	
Have your wages ever increased?	
Do you have any complaints about your job or pay?	

(Survey continues on next page)

PAST/FUTURE JOBS	
Have you ever worked in the community?	
If so, what did you do?	
Would you like to work in the community?	
Have you tried to get a job in the community?	

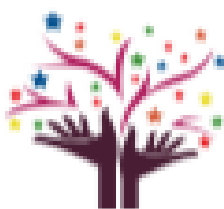
Please forward completed surveys to:

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Advocating for what you believe in
is crucial – if you don't ask for it,
people assume you don't need it!

Celebrate the
Operation:
Community Access
campaign!



Wear your purple Alliance
t-shirt or your grey
Operation: Community
Access t-shirt!

**Come One...Come All to the
The Alliance's Annual Rally 2016**

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

Doubletree Hotel

10 Brickyard Drive

Bloomington, IL

Agency/Group Name _____

Address _____

Contact Person Name _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

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

Accommodation Requests

___ **Dietary requirements – please specify. NOTE: Only physician
prescribed dietary requirements will be accommodated.** _____

___ **Other requests – please specify** _____

Please register Friday, June 17, 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

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, May 3, 2016
10 – 10.30am
BY CONFERENCE CALL ONLY Conference line: 1-888-494-4032, access code 2387786583#

Northwest

Tuesday, May 10, 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