

# The Alliance News



## Operation: Community Access

### 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



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## Let's Get Ready for Going Home 2018 Call In Advocacy Day



**May 2, 2018**

**See pages 2 and 3 for more information!**

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## Save the Date!

# Going Home 2018 Call In Advocacy Day

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



### May 2, 2018 – Call In Day

Call Governor Rauner and ask him to support community living for people with disabilities

217-782-0244 (phone)

888-261-3336 (TTY)

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

For more information, please visit [www.goinghomeillinois.org](http://www.goinghomeillinois.org).

**We are a lot stronger when we work together!**

## Going Home 2018 Advocacy Days

### Governor Call In Script



1. Call Governor Rauner's office at 217-782-0244. If you prefer to use a TTY, call 888-261-3336
2. Say: "My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am from \_\_\_\_\_ (city/town in Illinois). I am a \_\_\_\_\_ (identify why you care about this issue or how you are connected – self-advocate, ally, staff, family member, friend, etc.)."
3. Say: "As the Governor of, I am asking you to meet with the Going Home Coalition to discuss:
  - 'Closing 5 by 2025' to reduce Illinois' overreliance on supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in state institutions. We would like all state institutions to eventually close, but we would like to start with decreasing from 7 centers to 2 centers by 2025; and
  - Rebalancing the Illinois system by moving dollars away from state institutions to community living."
4. If you get a person who asks you questions, say the following:
  - "More than 19,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Illinois are actively waiting for services"
  - "1,685 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are living in state institutions"
  - "Illinois ranks 47th nationally in funding services that promote community inclusion"
5. Thank the Governor for listening to your message.
6. Let Krescene Beck know that you made the call! Email her at [krescenebeck@gmail.com](mailto:krescenebeck@gmail.com)



**Save the Dates!**

**Monday, October 29 – Wednesday, October 31, 2018**  
**Wyndham Hotel**  
**(formerly Hilton Hotel)**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**SPEAK UP AND  
SPEAK OUT**  
**summit**

**The Alliance: The Self-Advocacy Movement Continues!**

**Webinar Recording**

**Recorded Live on Friday, April 6, 2018**

Join self-advocates and Alliance staff as they celebrate the past 5 years of The Alliance and share exciting information about the next 3 years including the new Alliance application and member levels and benefits!

View the recording at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/7995781987993193986>

<http://selfadvocacyalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Alliance-Membership-Levels-and-Benefits-2018-1.pdf>

(Membership Levels and Benefits)

<http://selfadvocacyalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Alliance-Membership-Application-2018-1.pdf>

(Membership Application)

<http://selfadvocacyalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Ambassador-Application-2018-1.pdf>

(Alliance Ambassador Leadership Program Application)

**THE ALLIANCE: You've Got a Self-Advocacy Group...Now What?****Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 10am**

Register at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4906898683689795074>

From Advisor to Advisor,

How do you change ally/advisor from a noun to verb?

Do you have questions about how best to support self-advocacy at your organization?

How do you handle meetings when people are not engaged?

How do you decide who gets to go to events when there are limited funds and staff?

Join us as we talk about supporting people who receive services in your organization to form and participate in a self-advocacy group.

Have a particular question? Send your question (or questions) to either Tracey Wyant, Regional Self-Advocacy Specialist, at [traceyalliance@gmail.com](mailto:traceyalliance@gmail.com) or Leanne Mull, Systems Change Director, at [leanneadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:leanneadvocacy@gmail.com) ahead of time.

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

1.0 QIDP (Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional) CEU (Continuing Education Units) will be offered.

**"Never quit. If you stumble, get back up.  
What happened yesterday no longer matters.**

**Today's another day so get back on track and move closer to your dreams and goals. You can do it."**

~ A Place for Mom Staff

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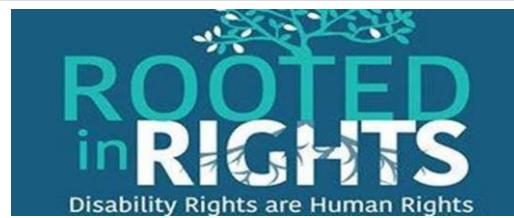
## HCBS GUIDE: SUPPORTING THE RIGHT TO A COMMUNITY LIFE



The Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings Final Rule was announced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in January 2014 to make sure that people with disabilities have the kinds of services they need in their communities. The Rule sets requirements for where and how Medicaid HCBS are provided to ensure that people receiving services through Medicaid HCBS waiver programs have full access to community life. This means that services should be provided in the most integrated setting possible, and must provide opportunities for integration and access to the community, choice, individual rights, and independence.

Throughout the planning and implementation process to comply with the Rule, states will ask stakeholders for input about the services they receive, the places where services are provided, and changes that could be made to help them get the community lives they want. Some people with developmental disabilities may need assistance to think about how their services could better support them in their communities and to advocate for their right to a community life.

<https://c-q-l.org/files/2018Documents/CQL-HCBS-Supporter-Guide-2018.pdf>



Join SILC (Statewide Independent Living Council) on Wednesday, May 9th from 1 - 3pm for a screening of the documentary "Bottom Dollars" which focuses on the need to eliminate sub-minimum wages for all people with disabilities in all environments.

The hour-long film is captioned and descriptive. We will follow with a live Question & Answer session with Cheryl Jansen from Equip for Equality, Ryan Croke from the Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living, and other special guests.

For more information on the film visit: [www.BottomDollarsMovie.com](http://www.BottomDollarsMovie.com)

This is an online webinar. Watch from anywhere you have an internet connection. Registration is required.

Click here to reserve your seat for this event through Eventbrite <https://goo.gl/nhG74Z>

What can I do with an ABLE account? How can I save money in an Illinois ABLE account?

What is an ABLE Account? Do I qualify for an ABLE account? When is ABLE right for me? What can I do with an ABLE account?

## Achieving Better Life Experience Accounts

May 8th 2018 6:30 PM

Please Join us at:

IMPACT CIL

2735 E Broadway

Alton IL 62002

For an evening of fun, food, and information!

JJ Hanley Director of

Illinois ABLE

For Illinois State Treasurer

Michael Frerichs

Will teach you everything you need to know about Illinois ABLE and how it can impact your family, your work, and your life. Come learn how Illinois Able allows you to save and invest without losing access to federal benefits. Learn how this program is affordable and accessible to people with disabilities and their families.

RSVP to:

Hanna Stillwagon at (618)474-5307



Where do I go to open an ABLE account? How can I save money in an Illinois ABLE account?