



# 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!**

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## 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)