

The Alliance News



Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance

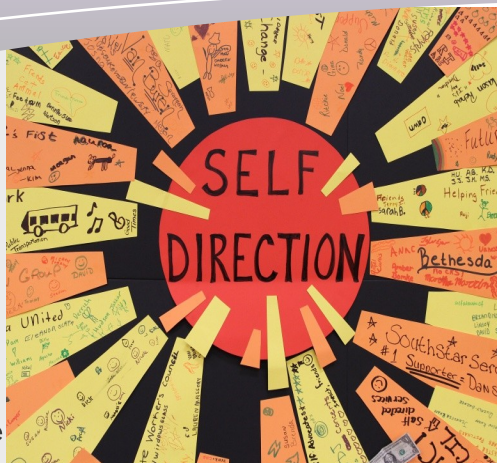
Vision

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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Save the Date!!!!

The Alliance's Annual Gathering is scheduled for

Thursday, June 19, 2014

10am – 2pm (registration begins at 9.15am)

Doubletree Hotel

10 Brickyard Drive

Bloomington, Illinois

The Alliance is busy working on the topics and agenda for the day... watch upcoming for information and registration in the May and June newsletters!



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Advocacy & Learning Opportunity

The Alliance is partnering with five (5) self-advocacy groups to bring you

Conversations with DHS DDD Director Kevin Casey

Join with other self-advocates as you hear about the “state of the state of DDD services” in Illinois as well as DHS’s Strategic Plan. After Kevin’s presentation, the floor is yours! Ask questions, share experiences, learn and teach others. We’re a lot stronger when we work together!

Thursday, May 15, 2014 10 - 11am

First Christian Church

1045 Dixie Highway

Chicago Heights, IL

For information or to register, please contact Leanne Roth at lroth@southstarservices.org

* This event is hosted by ROHSA of SouthSTAR Services

Thursday, May 22, 2014 2 - 3pm

Piatt County Mental Health Center

1921 North Market Street

Monticello, IL

For more information or to register, please contact Laura Donovan at ldonovan@piattmhc.org

* This event is hosted by Personal Power Players of PCMHC

Thursday, May 29, 2014 10 - 11am

Pioneer Center

4001 West Dayton Street

McHenry, IL

For more information or to register, please contact Jan Trebing at jtrebing@pioneercenter.org

* This event is hosted by Advocates in Motion of Pioneer Center

Thursday, July 10, 2014 10 - 11am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center

630 7th Avenue

Rock Island, IL

For more information or to register, please contact Jinger Robinson at robinsonj@arcqca.org

* This event is hosted by Speak Out Rock Island of Arc of QCA

July 17, 2014 10 - 11am

Davis-McCann Center

14th Street

Muphysboro, IL

For more information or to register, please contact Kim Maddox at kimmaddox1@gmail.com

* This event is hosted by the self-advocates of START



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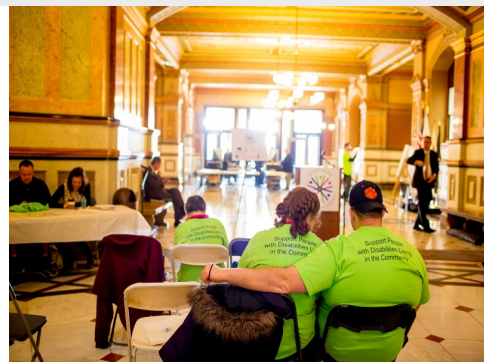
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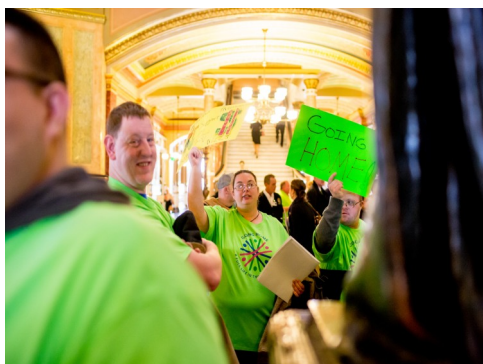
Going Home Rally Rewind



Thanks for making the 2014 Going Home Rally Day a big success! Two-hundred and fifty self-advocates and allies representing more than 25 agencies/organizations gathered together to share the message of The Rebalancing of the Developmental Disability System to offer people with disabilities the opportunity to live in a community of their choice. The rebalancing process in Illinois is thoughtful and thorough in assisting individuals and their guardians to make informed decisions utilizing customized, person-centered planning. Illinois is doing the right thing!

Rally participants gathered in the Rotunda, chanting and sharing the message of the importance of living a full life in the community of choice. Following the gathering, participants shared their experiences of living in the community with their elected officials; written information was also hand-delivered to senators and representatives.

Even though the rally is over, the work goes on! Continue to share the message of people with disabilities living in the community of choice with everyone you know. Visit www.goinghomeillinois.org to keep up to date on information, activities and events.





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This & That



Self-Advocacy Is Worldwide!

On March 26, 2014, self-advocates from ROHSA, along with ROHSA advisor Leanne Roth and Alliance Community Organizer Tara Wickey, spent time with a group of professionals from NHS Lothian and Edinburgh City Council in Scotland who came on a study visit to Chicago.

The group works with and provides services to people with developmental disabilities (called learning disabilities in Scotland) and their services are going through a period of redesign. In addition to meeting with self-advocates and The Alliance, the group also met with other agencies and organizations in the Chicago area. Not only did the group gain information, they also took back self-advocacy resources that they can use to support people with developmental disabilities in Scotland.

CCDI's 30th Annual Disability Rights Conference - Jump Aboard! - will take place May 19 - 20, 2014 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. For more information and registration, please visit www.ccdionline.org.



Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.

~ Henry David Thoreau

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