

The Alliance News



Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance



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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



Project Independence 2014

Thursday, June 19, 2014

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

Doubletree Hotel 10 Brickyard Drive Bloomington, Illinois

See Page 9 for more information!

Don't delay...register today.

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Advocacy & Learning Opportunity



Ray of Hope Self Advocates

Join Ray of Hope Self Advocates in welcoming Kevin Casey, Director of Developmental Disability Services in Illinois to a meeting with Self Advocates and Allies in the Chicago area!

Kevin will spend an hour talking about services in Illinois and answering your questions.

This will be the first meeting of its kind let's make it the best!!

**Where: First Christian Church
Chicago Heights
1045 Dixie Highway
Chicago Heights, IL 60411**

When: Thursday May 15, 2014

Time: 10:00-11:00

To Register

Contact: Leanne Roth 708-259-7609

or email:

lroth@southstarservices.org

Please contact us by May 12 so we know how many to plan for!



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INDEPENDENCE



What does it mean to you?

The Personal Power Players would like you to join them in welcoming Kevin Casey, Division of Developmental Disabilities Director. Kevin will present on the Department of Developmental Disabilities with an opportunity for Questions and Answers! The Personal Power Players will perform a presentation on Independence. Light refreshments will be provided.

What: Community Advocacy Event w/Kevin Casey

When: Thursday, May 22, 2014

Time: 2-3pm

Where: Piatt County Mental Health Center

1921 N Market Street, Monticello, IL 61856



SPACE IS LIMITED!! PLEASE RVSP TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT: By May 8th to Laura Donovan at (217)762-8546 or by email at ldonovan@piattmhc.org



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Advocacy & Learning Opportunity

Advocates In Motion

Presents a Community Advocacy Event

Featuring Guest Speaker
Director Kevin Casey,
of the Illinois Department of
Human Services, Division of
Developmental Disabilities



Date: Thursday, May 29
Time: 10:00—11:00 am
Location: 3rd Floor Community Room
Pioneer Center for Community Mental Health
4100 Veterans Parkway, McHenry

Watch a presentation by AIM on self-advocacy themed “Project Independence.” Then listen as Director Kevin Casey speaks on current topics. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the event. Refreshments will be available.

RSVP to Jan Trebing at 815.759.7176 or jtrebing@pioneercenter.org by May 15.



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Learning Opportunity



Is Homeownership in Your Future? **FREE SEMINARS!!!**

**SATURDAY May 10th and 17th 2014
8:30 am to 12:30 PM**

1 WEST OLD STATE CAPITOL PLAZA SPRINGFIELD

(IATP's Conference Room – Rm. 810, Myers Building - corner 4th & Washington)

May 10, 2014 - Credit & Budget Skills

- Tips on how to establish, repair and maintain credit
- What you need to know about credit scoring
- Ideas for creating and following a budget
- Keys to homeownership
- Identity theft

May 17, 2014 – The Home Buying Process

- Working with a lender
- Working with a realtor
- Fair housing
- Home inspections
- Home insurance
- Financial assistance/grants
- What to expect at the closing



RSVP Required – Call (217) 522-7985 Ext. 113

Parking and entrance at REAR of building (4th Street, south of Washington St.)

If additional accommodations are necessary contact Robin (800) 852-5110 TTY/Voice 2 weeks prior to class to specify the accommodation.

Seminar Sponsored By:
PNC Foundation
Capital Area Association of Realtors
Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County
Illinois Assistive Technology Program &
Springfield Housing Authority



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Bloomington, Illinois



Independence...it's what we want! Project Independence 2014 highlights freedom in choosing what you want in community living and employment ; your choices will be shared with the Division of

Developmental Disabilities. We want you to speak out and be heard! Our day will feature a variety of activities including:

Music

Planning for the Future

Speak Out Session

Sharing of Ideas and Successes

EVENT DETAILS:

This event is free, and lunch is included.

Sign language interpreters will be present.

Please register by completing the Registration Form. Registrations are limited to ten (10) attendees from each agency/self-advocacy group, and must be in by **Tuesday, June 10, 2014** so that lunches can be ordered and accommodations prepared.

The Alliance will reimburse mileage for self-advocate transportation.

If you need to arrive in Bloomington the day before the rally due to transportation arrangements and are in need of hotel accommodations, please contact Krescene Beck by using the information below.

For more information, please contact Krescene Beck at 618.806.9431 or krescenebeck@gmail.com.

If you need accessible transportation while in Bloomington, please contact BNPTS (Bloomington Normal Public Transit Systems) at 1.309.828.7511 or www.connect-transit.com/SpecialServices.aspx



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Space Is Limited. Each agency/self-advocacy group will be limited to a total of 10 (ten) participants (self-advocates and support staff combined) attending.

Number attending: Self-Advocates _____ Support People _____ TOTAL _____

Agency/Self-Advocacy Group Name _____

Names of Self-Advocates (please print clearly): _____

Names of Support People (please print clearly):

Contact Person

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Accommodation Requests

___ Dietary requirements – please specify. *NOTE: Any physician-prescribed dietary requirements will be accommodated; food preferences will not be honored.*

___ Other requests – please specify _____

Please register by Tuesday, June 10, 2014 by mail, email, or fax to:

Krescene Beck Mail: 6754 Middlegate Lane, Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Email: krescenebeck@gmail.com Fax: 217.875.8899



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Regional Advocacy Council Meetings

Be a Part of Advocacy in Action by attending your local Advisory Council Meeting

North Central

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 10am
Freedom Hall (Morton Park District building)
349 W. Birchwood
Morton, IL

Central Region

Thursday, May 8 2014 12.30pm
Centrum Building
319 East Madison
Springfield, IL

City of Chicago

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 10am
UIC's Institute on Disabilities and Human Development (Auditorium)
1640 W. Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL

South Suburban

Thursday, May 15, 2014 2pm
Suburban Access
900 Maplewood Avenue
Homewood, IL

Northwest Region

Thursday, May 15, 2014 4.30pm
Milestone Training Center
4504 Shepherd Trail
Rockford, IL

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