



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



Missed the Project Vote webinar on August 28th? Don't worry...we recorded it! You can join Tia Nelis as she takes you on the journey of Project Vote! You will learn about registering to vote; voter rights and responsibilities; how to vote; ways to learn about candidates and issues; and what to do if you have problems with voting. Tia is self-advocacy specialist with UIC's Department of Disability and Human Development; an Illinois LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) self-advocacy coordinator; SABE (Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered) board member; CQL (Council on Quality Leadership) board member; and a member of The Alliance's Board of Directors.

To receive a copy of the webinar, please e-mail Krescene Beck at krescenebeck@gmail.com and put "Project Vote Webinar" in the subject line.



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Advocacy & Learning Opportunities



Advocate.

Please join Speak Out in an advocacy themed event featuring **Kevin Casey, Director of Developmental Disability (DD) Services** in Illinois and listen to presentations from Speak Out.

This is an excellent opportunity to address your questions on DD Services in Illinois, there will be a question and answer session after the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, September 25

9:30 check-in

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Program

ARC Industries 610 37th Avenue Rock Island, IL

RSVP by June 19 by contacting Jinger at robinsonj@arcqca.org or call (309) 764-6353

Hosted by:



JOB/CAREER FAIR and a HEALTH & DISABILITIES FAIR **Exhibiting Services and Accessible equipment available to people with disabilities and Seniors**

Wednesday, October 29, 2014 Noon - 4pm

RICHARD ORR BUILDING Enter Gate 9 - Illinois State Fairgrounds Plenty of Free Parking

Over 100 Employers, Educational Institutions, Support Agencies, and Service Providers

This event is open to the General Public. Customers of the Department of Human Services are encouraged to attend and we would like to send out a special invitation to all Military Veterans

Persons requiring Reasonable Accommodations should contact DHS in advance and/or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (217) 782-4830 or TTY (217) 4 40-8990

An accessible shuttle bus will be available to transport any and all attendees from the SMTD Bus Stop at 8th and Sangamon Avenue to the Orr Building and back from 11:45am - 4:00pm. Persons utilizing SMTD should board the "North 5th Street" bus at the downtown transfer center and get off the bus at 8th & Sangamon. For your safety, please do not get off at 5th Street.



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Learning Opportunities

Mark your calendar and make plans to meet at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, IL November 4—5 2014 for the Speak Up and Speak Out Summit! With a variety of breakout sessions and awesome keynote speakers, you won't want to miss this opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Financial assistance is available through The Arc of Illinois' Consumer Stipend Program. For more information, including registration, log on to <http://speakupspeakoutsummit.org/>. See you in November!



Check out this ASL interpretation of Pharrell Williams's "Happy", an expression of music in ASL composed by Rosa Lee Timm and Azora Telford at www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3KSKS3TTbc. The video was produced by a team of Deaf campers & staff from Deaf Film Camp 2014 at Camp Mark Seven.



You can check out other videos in ASL by CM7 Deaf Film Camp by visiting www.youtube.com/channel/UCGgGvW2WaUuLyXCPZmz4ueg.

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Advocacy Opportunities

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

Northwest

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 4.30pm
Milestone Training Center
4504 Shepherd Trail
Rockford, IL

North Central

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 10am
Freedom Hall (Morton Park District building)
349 W. Birchwood
Morton, IL

Central Region

Thursday, November 13, 2014 12.30pm
Centrum Building
319 East Madison
Springfield, IL

City of Chicago

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 10am
UIC's Institute on Disabilities and Human Development (Auditorium)
1640 W. Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL

Southern Region

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 10.30am
Bel-Air Bowl (downstairs meeting room)
200 South Belt West
Belleville, IL

South Suburban

Next Meeting To Be Announced
Suburban Access
900 Maplewood Avenue
Homewood, IL