

The Alliance News



Operation: Community Access

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Please note that there will be two (2) webinars this month: October 14 and October 28!

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

October is National Anti-Bullying Month



October is National Bullying Prevention Month. It's a time when communities can unite nationwide to raise awareness of bullying prevention through events, activities, outreach, and education, and to inspire and involve others to join the movement and prevent bullying where you live.

Join Alliance staff for the Stop Bullying Now! Webinar on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 10am to learn about types of bullying, workplace bullying, people who bully, signs of bullying, what to do if you see or hear someone being bullied, and what agencies and organizations can do to help stop bullying. Please register for the webinar at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4915810204737043458>

For assistance in registering, contact Krescene Beck at krescenebeck@gmail.com.

For more information on bullying prevention, please visit:

<http://stopbullyingnow.com>

www.stopbullying.gov

www.pacer.org/bullying

www.thebullyproject.com

www.stompoutbullying.org

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Find us on Facebook at Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance

Abuse and Empowerment: What it Means for People with Disabilities

October 14, 2015
 Registration: 8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.
 Workshop: 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
 Clock Tower Place
 201 Clock Tower Dr.
 East Peoria, IL 61611

Free CEUs Available
 RNs, LPNs, Advanced Practice Nurses, Licensed Nursing Home Administrators, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Social Workers, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professionals

Workshop is free but space is limited!
 Contact Advocates for Access for more information at 309-682-3500 or
 jmcollister@advocatesforaccess.com



END ABUSE of People with Disabilities

Violence against people with disabilities occurs at alarming rates.
 People with disabilities experience violent victimization at rates three times higher than people without disabilities, making them one of the most harmed groups in the country.

Be the Change You Want to See
 Policymakers, practitioners, and other personnel in the crime victims, criminal justice, and disability fields can take simple steps to help address abuse of people with disabilities. Learn more about what works and get practical resources to help you quickly implement promising solutions in your work.

**Promote Equality. Build Partnerships.
Enhance Services. Increase Research.**

www.endabusepwd.org



ILHousingSearch.org
your hub for housing

ILHousingSearch is a FREE way to find and list housing in Illinois. Property providers can post listings of apartments and houses for rent at any time. The service is updated daily, so be sure to check back often for new listings!

<http://ilhousingsearch.org>

**"There is no greater disability in society,
than the inability to see a person as more."**

~ Robert M. Hense

SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT summit

Tuesday, November 3 – Wednesday, November 4, 2015
 Hilton Hotel, Springfield, Illinois

<http://speakupspeakoutsummit.org>



**Jewish Child
& Family Services**
 Redefine What's Possible.

Jewish Child & Family Services Helpline provides information in the Chicagoland area ~ call 1-855-275-5237 or log on to www.jcfs.org for more information.



CQL, The Council on Quality and Leadership, is hosting meetings throughout the state of Illinois, to offer Potential Ligas Class Members an opportunity to learn about the Ligas Consent Decree.

Potential Ligas Class Members can take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the Ligas Consent Decree and what that means to Potential Class Members or the guardian of a Potential Class Member.

DURING THE MEETING PEOPLE WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- The Ligas Consent Decree
- What makes you or the person for whom you are guardian a Potential Class Member
- Your rights as a Potential Class Member to have a choice in where you live and receive services
- What options you have as a Potential Class Member to continue to live in your current home or move to a different home

If you are interested, but can't attend any of the meetings listed below, please call (818) 662-2225

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015 - 3PM

Access Services of Northern IL
 1752 Windsor Rd. STE 100
 Loves Park, IL 61111

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015 - 7PM

Options & Advocacy of McHenry County
 365 Millennium Drive
 Crystal Lake, IL 60012

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015 - 3PM

DayOne Network
 1551 East Fabyan Pkwy
 Geneva, IL 60134

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015 - 7PM

PACT, Inc.
 750 Warrenville Rd. STE 300
 Lisle, IL 60532

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015 - 3PM

Community Service Options
 6845 South Western Ave
 Chicago, IL 60636

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015 - 7PM

Community Alternatives Unlimited
 8765 West Higgins Rd 3rd Floor
 Chicago, IL 60631

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015 - 2PM

Service, Inc.
 1740 McDonough St.
 Joliet, IL 60436

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 - 3PM

CSO/RIM
 3601 Morton Drive STE 1
 East Moline, IL 61244

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 - 7PM

Pittsfield Community Center
 224 W. Washington
 Pittsfield, IL 62363

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015 - 3PM

Southern Illinois Case Coordination Services
 140 South Locust St
 Centralia, IL 62801

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015 - 7PM

DD Services, Metro East
 2900 Frank Scott Parkway West STE 928
 Belleville, IL 62223



Welcome

Join us for the 9th Annual
 "disABILITY Resource Expo: Reaching Out for Answers"
 Saturday, October 17th at the Fluid Event Center in Champaign, IL!

Expo Facts

What: The disABILITY Resource Expo is a full-service information and resource fair with vendors who provide services to, or sell products that enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families and friends. This year, due to previous years' success, the Expo is expanding to allow for more vendors, and we are reaching outside of Champaign County to invite vendors and patrons to attend.

Who is Invited to Participate? Any business or organization that provides services to or goods for people with disabilities. With over 1,000 people attending the event each year, it is a great place to showcase your organization or business.

Who is Invited to Attend? Everyone! Individuals with disabilities, their families, friends, and neighbors, professionals, and many more will find the vendors to be a great resource for products and services. This is also a wonderful opportunity for educating our community about disABILITIES!

When: Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Fluid Event Center, 601 North County Fair Drive, Champaign, IL (just off I-72)

Need More Information? Contact Barb Bressner, Expo Coordinator, at bbressner@att.net. You can also find and like us on [facebook!](#)

Find us and like us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/resourceexpo!](http://www.facebook.com/resourceexpo)

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Self-Advocate Supportive Housing Workshop

Opportunities. Freedom. Choices.

Would you like to live in your own home?

Do you want to learn about how to access
supportive housing?

Can you help create more options for self-advocates?



Calling All Self-Advocates!

This interactive and lively workshop will focus on what supportive housing is and how to advocate for new choices if you want to live in your own affordable home, with or without a roommate, with supportive services.

Come and hear from other self-advocates who live in their own homes, create a visual representation of what living in your own home could/does look like for you, and practice your advocacy skills.

Facilitated by Krescene Beck of Blue Tower Training and Stephanie Sideman of CSH.

Workshop Options

Chicago October 27
10am – 4pm
Jesse White
Community
Center, Chicago

-OR-

Springfield November 2
1pm – 5pm
Hilton Hotel,
Springfield

**PLUS, join us for
the finale!**

November 18
Springfield Convention
Center Time TBA

The Self-Advocate Workshops are FREE!

To register, please go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/selfadvcoate2015>

Or call Stephanie at 312-332-6690 ext. 25

This project is proud to be an investment of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities.



Our Friday Club Halloween Party

Friday October 16, 2015 6:00-8:00 pm

Godfrey Evangelical UCC

1212 West Homer Adams Pkwy

Come in costume if you Care. We will have a spooktacular supper and a few treats too.

Please Call the church office at 466-6077 and leave your name for Friday Club.

Bring \$5 to cover the cost of your food.

We can't wait to Scare you!

Our Friday Club is an outreach ministry for individuals with disabilities in our community

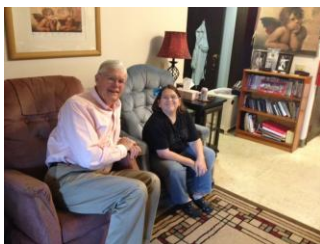


Missed The Alliance's You're On Board webinar on Tuesday, September 29, 2015? No worries...we can send you the recording!

Just e-mail Krescene Beck at krescenebeck@gmail.com, and put You're on Board Webinar in the subject line.

Advocacy In Action!

On September 28, Michelle S., self-advocate from the Metro East area, met with Senator Bill Haine (D – Alton) to share about her life in the community and to talk about funding for human services. Michelle talked about the things she likes to do with her friends and the supports she receives; she also took Senator Haine on a tour of her apartment and the apartment building. She urged Senator Haine and the other legislators to pass a budget that funds human services so that people with disabilities can live in the community.



Please register for The Alliance's October webinar

The Power of YOUR Vote!

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 10am

Learn about the importance of voting, new voting laws in Illinois, how Equip for Equality can help you with your voting experience and about the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered Voter Project. The webinar will feature Nancy Ward, Co-Director National Technical Assistance Center for Voting and Cognitive Access; Cheryl Jansen, Equip for Equality; and Leanne Roth, The Alliance.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5440194787814171650>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For assistance in registering, contact Krescene Beck at krescenebeck@gmail.com.

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door".

~ Milton Berle

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

To Be Announced
Community Alternatives Unlimited
8765 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL

North Central

Tuesday, October 6, 2015
10am
Freedom Hall (Morton Park District building)
349 W. Birchwood
Morton, IL

Northwest

Tuesday, November 10, 2015
4.30pm
Milestone Training Center
4504 Shepherd Trail
Rockford, IL

City of Chicago

Tuesday, November 10, 2015
UIC's Institute on Disabilities and Human Development (Auditorium)
1640 W. Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL

Central Region

To Be Announced
DHS DDD - Centrum Building
319 East Madison
Springfield, IL

Southern Region

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
10.30am
Bel-Air Bowl (downstairs meeting room)
200 South Belt West
Belleville, IL

South Suburban

Thursday, November 19, 2015
2pm
Suburban Access
900 Maplewood Avenue
Homewood, IL