

The Alliance News



Operation: Community Access

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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



from The Alliance
Board of Directors and Staff



November 2016 Election: Voters with Disabilities Experience Survey

We need your help to learn more about your voting experience for the 2016 Election. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was passed to make sure everyone in this country could cast a private and independent vote.

Now, we want to make sure the law is working. You can help by completing this survey. We have several ways for you to do that.

You can go on-line at the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered website, www.sabeusa.org or your state Protection and Advocacy organization website. You can do this independently or with help from someone, you choose.

If you have any problems completing the survey using the internet, immediately contact Juliana Huerena at prinzajana17@gmail.com or (602) 502-7426.

Not everyone has access to a computer or the internet; so many self advocacy groups across the country are helping members complete the survey by filling it out by hand or at self advocacy meetings and conferences. Surveys completed by hand need to be returned to your state or local Self Advocacy group or your state Protection and Advocacy organization.

You may also reach out to the SABE Voter team and complete a survey with them. You can reach Teresa Moore at mooreadvocacy@hotmail.com, (602)725-3117. If you have surveys completed by hand you can mail or email them to: Essie Pederson, 5242 Sunrise View Circle, Liberty Township, OH 45044 or essie.pederson@gmail.com.

Any problems making copies of the survey for meetings or postage to mail them to Essie; contact your state Protection and Advocacy organization or Teresa Moore, SABE Voter staff person at (602) 725-3117.

Just as it is important to know that YOUR VOTE COUNTS, we need to know that you have the accessibility you need to MAKE IT COUNT.

Thank you, the SABE Voter Team



JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY: Free HCBS Webinar on 12/6/16

HCBS stands for Home and Community-Based Services, which is where many people with developmental disabilities get their supports. There are new HCBS Settings Rules to promote and protect choice, control, self-determination and more, for people with developmental disabilities.

The HCBS-ACT Project is conducting a FREE webinar to share how the HCBS Settings rules will affect people's lives, on December 6th, 2016, from 10am to 12pm. This two-hour webinar is for people receiving supports, family members and other stakeholders. **CLICK HERE** to register.

12/6/16 10:00am - 12:00pm

**If you are a human service provider,
please support people in signing up and attending this webinar.**

During this webinar, you will learn about the new rule:

- Who made it? And why?
- How does that change your life? Your rights? Your choices?
- How can it help you to live the life you really want?
- What can you do next?



Register for the HCBS Settings Rule Webinar

www.c-q-l.org/HCBS-ACT/hcbs-act-webinars

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On Monday, November 21, 2016, WEFT's DisabilityBeat Radio Show welcomed Maddy, a representative of Alliance member group Personal Power Players (Monticello). Maddy shared about the self-advocacy group's experiences teaching peers and staff at Piatt County Mental Health Center about disability history and awareness as part of their preparation to teach children at local schools about disability history and awareness.



ACTIVATE HERE! is a series of seven short videos for self-advocates, by self-advocates.

These videos are designed to refresh people with intellectual and developmental disabilities on their advocacy skills. The videos can be watched in whatever order the user chooses. Click <https://vimeo.com/113539854> to watch ACTIVATE HERE!

SELF-ADVOCACY ONLINE

View stories from self-advocates

www.selfadvocacyonline.org/stories/

Learn about self-advocacy

www.selfadvocacyonline.org/learning/

Find, Choose and Keep Great Direct Support Professionals -

The Illinois Direct Support Professional Workforce Initiative has created a toolkit that helps people find, choose and keep high quality Direct Support Professionals. Anyone can download a copy FREE at

<http://ildspinitiative.com/docs/ToolkitforPeoplewithDisabilites.pdf>

Expect the Best: How to Get the Most Out of Your Support Staff Webinar! Tuesday, January 24, 2017 10am CST



Have you ever had a disagreement with staff or felt like your voice wasn't heard? Join self-advocates from Developing Social Connections (Champaign) self-advocacy group to learn and share about what you should expect ~ and get ~ from the staff that you work with!

Please register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2973238149885083394>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



Did you miss The Alliance's "Speak Up and Speak Out Summit Recap" webinar on Tuesday, November 15, 2016?

No worries...we can send you the link to the recording! Just e-mail Krescene Beck at krescenebeck@gmail.com, and put SUSO Recap in the subject line.