

The Alliance News



Operation: Community Access

In This Issue

Celebrating Our Successes!	Page 2
Learning and Advocacy Opportunities	Pages 3 - 6

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

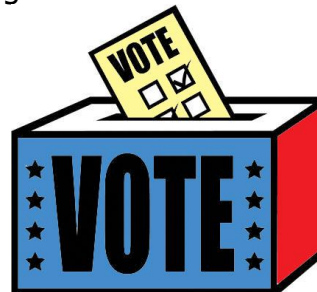


To help get you ready to vote in the November election, make sure to attend The Alliance's "Your Vote Counts" webinar on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 10am.

To register, go to

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7662795973652413196>

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



Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance

PO Box 666 Park Forest, IL 60466 618.806.9431

Email: krescenebeck@gmail.com Website: www.selfadvocacyalliance.org

Find us on Facebook at Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance



Livingston County Advocates in Action (LCAA) Historians Jessica and Denise and ally/advisor Tracey show off their LCAA bulletin board. The bulletin board shares learning and advocacy opportunities with the entire agency as well as highlights pictures and information of LCAA self-advocates participating in activities and events.



It's All About RESPECT!

Language affects attitudes. Attitudes impact actions. Actions have the ability to either help or hurt self-advocates. Self-advocates teach others why words and attitudes matter!

Earlier this year, the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities asked The Alliance for support in helping allies learn about respect. For more than 4 months, self-advocates from Alliance member group Change to Independence Altogether (CIA) in Normal, Illinois worked to develop the presentation. On September 14, Betty, Jeremy and Robby, self-advocates from CIA, presented "It's About RESPECT" as a webinar for DDD staff.

"It's About RESPECT" took participants on a journey of R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Each letter in the word Respect represented something we all need to learn and to teach each other in support of self-advocates being real people living real lives.

The Alliance Staff Contact Information

Megan Norlin, Advocacy Coordinator
megan.advocacy@gmail.com

Tara Wickey, Community Organizer
tara.advocacy@gmail.com

Krescene Beck, Program Coordinator
krescenebeck@gmail.com

Leanne Roth, Organizational Coordinator
leanneadvocacy@gmail.com



Come to the Speak Up Speak Out Summit early and learn all about the new Home and Community Based Settings (HCBS) Rule! The HCBS settings rule helps people who get Medicaid waiver services access the community and make more choices in their lives.

Come to the Rendezvous Room on **October 31, from 2:00-4:00** for fun, learning and door prizes!



We need to know how many people will be there, so let us know you are coming. Advisors, if you want to bring a group, the more the merrier, just let us know!



Email Us: HCBS-ACT@thecouncil.org

SPEAK UP AND
SPEAK OUT
summit

Let's Get Ready for the Speak Up and Speak Out Summit!

Monday, October 31 – Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Wyndham Hotel (formerly Hilton Hotel)
Springfield, Illinois
www.speakupspokeoutsummit.org

Chase Greatness: Giving Up Is Not An Option.

~ Tess, www.theboldlife.com



Two New Opportunities: Become a Supportive Housing Expert!

Self-advocates, family members, service providers, and allies are invited! Join a team to help make Supportive Housing an option in your community. This meeting will train teams to be Supportive Housing Peer Ambassadors or Field Mobilizers!

Supportive Housing is:

- Affordable
- Has supportive services
- Tenants have their own home or apartment

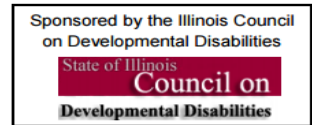


To sign up or learn more about Supportive Housing Peer Ambassadors and Field Mobilizers go to the next page!

FIRST TRAINING
Wednesday, October 5
10:00am – 3:00pm
20901 S. LaGrange Rd
Frankfurt, IL 60423
Lunch Provided



In the meeting you will learn each role has special tasks and responsibilities. Both are important!



Supportive Housing Peer Ambassador	Supportive Housing Field Ambassador
Must Be A Self-Advocate	Organize and schedule community meetings, including transportation plans if needed
Wants to share why supportive housing is important to you personally	Wants to create supportive housing initiatives in their own individual community
Wants to talk to other people and groups about supportive housing	Wants to teach others about supportive housing
Finish training to be a Supportive Housing Peer Ambassador	Wants to talk to other people and groups about supportive housing
Meet requirements to be a Certified Peer Ambassador	Finish training to be a Supportive Housing Field Mobilizer
	Meet requirements to be a Certified Field Mobilizer



There will be more dates and locations around the state!

Want to apply for a spot or have questions?

Call John at 773-719-4601 or Julie at 312-332-6690 ext. 2828



HCBS-ACT: FREE ON-SITE TRAINING



These free trainings are for people with developmental disabilities, their family members and others. They are 2-hour trainings in different places around the state of Illinois, during September and October.

During the training, you will learn about the rule and what it will mean for your life. Right now, there are twelve different training dates that you can sign up to attend.

- 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?

The Home and Community Based Services - Advocates Creating Transformation (HCBS-ACT) project will train people with developmental disabilities, their families and others in Illinois about some changes to rules about services. The training will also show people how they can advocate for their right to receive the best services and supports for them.

DATES & LOCATIONS

October 5th
6 pm - 8 pm
Geneva, IL

October 6th
6 pm - 8 pm
Lisle, IL

October 10th
7 pm - 9 pm
Quincy, IL

October 11th
2 pm - 4 pm
Lincoln, IL

October 11th
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Crystal Lake, IL

October 14th
3 pm - 5 pm
Jacksonville, IL

For more information or to register, please visit www.c-q-l.org/HCBS-ACT/hcbs-act-on-site-training

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 4, 2016
10 – 10.30am
By Conference Call Only

Northwest

Tuesday, November 15, 2016
4.30pm
Milestone Training Center
4504 Shepherd Trail
Rockford, IL

City of Chicago

To Be Announced
UIC's Institute on Disabilities and Human Development (Auditorium)
1640 W. Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL

Central Region

To Be Announced
DHS DDD - Centrum Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room
319 East Madison
Springfield, IL

Southern Region

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
10.30am
Bel-Air Bowl (downstairs meeting room)
200 South Belt West
Belleville, IL

South Suburban

Thursday, November 17, 2016
2pm
Suburban Access
900 Maplewood Avenue
Homewood, IL