

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

Save the Date!



Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Going Home Rally

State Capitol

Springfield, Illinois

Registration opens April 1, 2017

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Illinois Imagines: Assistive Technology and Why It's Important ~ 11.16.16

Your Vote Counts ~ 10.18.16

Two Great Presentation...One Date and Time ~ 8.24.16

The ADA Game ~ 5.24.16

Social Capital and Building Your Network ~ 3.23.16

Self-Advocacy Through Artwork With the 9 Muses ~ 2.23.16

Supportive Housing: Opportunities. Freedom. Choices. ~ 1.19.16

Person Centered Planning and YOU! ~ 12.8.15

Stop Bullying Now ~ 10.14.15

You're On Board ~ 10.6.15

Attitude is Everything...Is Yours Worth Catching? ~ 8.25.15

Dare to Dream ~ 6.24.15

Top Ten Tips for a Healthy Self-Advocacy Group ~ 5.26.15

Fully Alive, Discovering What Matters Most ~ 2.26.15

Normal is a Setting on the Dryer ~ 11.21.14

A Life Through Images ~ 10.28.14

Project Vote ~ 8.28.14

The Alliance: Looking Forward...Looking Back ~ 7.28.14

Helping Self-Advocates Achieve Their Goals ~ 4.28.14

Opportunities for Self-Advocacy ~ 2.24.14

Path to Transformation Waiver ~ 1.21.14

The Alliance: Looking to the Future ~ 12.11.13

Self-Advocate Involvement: It's About R-E-S-P-E-C-T ~ 10.30.13

Stop Bullying Now ~ 8.29.13

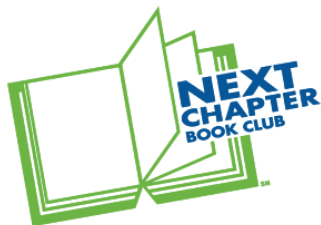
Community Advocacy Events ~ 7.30.13

**The Alliance has recorded webinars
on demand!**

Check out

<http://selfadvocacyalliance.org/webinars>

and click on the webinar you want to
see and hear!



Next Chapter Book Club offers community-based book clubs for adolescents and adults with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our members (including some who cannot read) love books for the same reasons most people do. They enjoy being transported to different worlds where they meet interesting characters and learn about exciting new things. Taking that journey with a group of friends makes it even more delightful and fun.

Learn more about Next Chapter Book Club including joining a club near you or starting a club at <http://nextchapterbookclub.org/>



YO! connects, organizes and educates youth with disabilities. YO! gives youth leadership opportunities, social networks, resources and more. YO! is for youth with disabilities to be PROUD of who we are and what we can achieve.

Learn to protect your identity and use the internet and mobile devices safely with these resources by checking out <http://yodisabledproud.org/resources/safety-online.php>

**"We all make mistakes, have struggles, and even regret things in our past.
But you are not your mistakes,
you are not your struggles,
and you are here NOW
with the power to shape your day and your future."**

~ Steve Maraboli

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Start 2017 in a New Direction!**Take This Quiz to find out
How Your Agency/Organization Can Increase Person Centered Services**

Rate items on a 1-4 scale; 1 being the lowest (no action) and 4 being the highest (fully implemented).

Skills Training

- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served have the opportunity to participate in self-advocacy classes on a regular basis.
- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served have opportunities to teach others in a formal way.
- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served are trained about their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

Agency Operations

- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served are represented on agency committees and/or boards.
- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served are regularly asked about satisfaction with services.
- 1 2 3 4 The agency incorporates input from individuals and families in their policies and procedures.

Personnel

- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served participate in employee recruitment.
- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served participate in employee evaluations.
- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served participate in employee hiring.
- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served participate in employee training/retention activities.

Person-Centered Planning

- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served choose where their IDT meetings are held.
- 1 2 3 4 Individuals served lead their IDT meetings.
- 1 2 3 4 Individual Plans highlight the strengths, gifts, talents, and preferences of the individual.

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Community

1 2 3 4 Individuals served have access to participate in a self-advocacy group if they so desire.

1 2 3 4 Individuals who choose to have opportunities to do volunteer work in the community.

1 2 3 4 Individuals served have an understanding of community resources and opportunities.

Self-Advocacy Culture

1 2 3 4 The agency considers the value of equality and self-advocacy in employee screening.

1 2 3 4 The agency provides employee training on self-advocacy skills and the self-advocacy movement.

1 2 3 4 Employees sometimes have performance objectives related to self-advocacy.

1 2 3 4 The agency provides support to individuals served who want to participate in systems changes at the local, network, or state level.

**Have any 1's and 2's? Make a plan to change them into 3's and 4's...
make a difference in 2017!**

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.



Making a Difference in the Community!

Over the last several months AIM (Advocates in Motion) in McHenry has gotten involved in several community events. They participated in a radiothon to support a local agency that supports women that have been abused and made a small contribution to the event. They also just sponsored a paper goods drive for a local food pantry, collecting 40 pounds of paper goods

TRANSITION PLANNING

4th Annual GET IT DONE DAY

HOSTED BY THE MADISON COUNTY TRANSITION
PLANNING COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH
LEWIS & CLARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Thursday March 16 2017
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
N.O. Nelson Complex
600 Troy Road
Edwardsville IL. 62025

This is a free
event!

Persons of all ages with a
variety of disabilities and their
families are invited to attend.

This is an opportunity for
families to meet with service
providers and to learn about
services in the community that can be
accessed now and in the future. It's never
too early to start planning and gathering
resources.

Guest Speakers are scheduled to present on the following topics:

4:15 - Transition Services

5:15 - Housing Options

6:15 - Employment & Training

7:15 - Legal Topics for Persons with Disabilities and their Families

Hours of Earned Credit (CPDU's) are available to educators who attend any Guest Speaker Session.

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, January 3, 2017
10 – 10.30am
By Conference Call Only

Northwest

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
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

To Be Announced

South Suburban

Thursday, February 16, 2017
2pm
Suburban Access
900 Maplewood Avenue
Homewood, IL