

# The Alliance News



## Operation: Community Access

### 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

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### Save the Date!



**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**  
**Going Home Rally**  
**State Capitol**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**Registration Now Open!**

**See pages 5 and 6**  
**for information and registration.**

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## March 2017 Webinar Recordings

### Woo Hoo...I've Got A Job Interview! Now What? Webinar Recording

You've searched the Help Wanted ads, and seen the Now Hiring signs. You've filled out applications. You have an interview. Join us as we share tips and tricks for success including resume writing, interviewing skills, questions to ask the interviewer, and dressing for success.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5611787882878181890>

### Expect the ExtraOrdinary Webinar Recording

Aubrie says, "People with disabilities need to be treated ordinary, but they do have some extras." Aubrie and her mom will share their experiences and perspectives inspiring and empowering self-advocates, parents, community members, educators, and service providers to recognize gifts, support big dreams, and expect the extraordinary.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3669130057201005827>

## Spread the Word to End the Word!

On Thursday, March 30, 2017, members of The Network (Alton) raised awareness at Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey, collecting over 50 pledges!

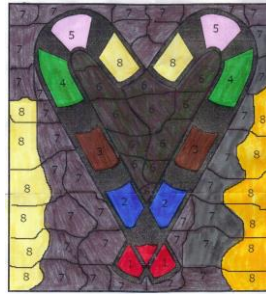
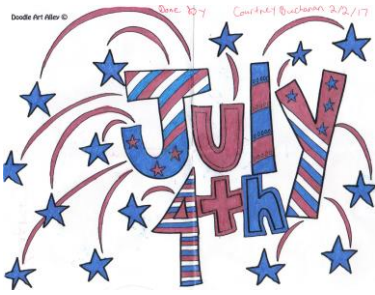


### The new R-Word...Respect!



Self-Advocates at CTF Advocacy Center (Charleston) recently developed a presentation on abuse and neglect that they will share with other self-advocates at the agency and hopefully in the community. Look for the presentation to be offered as an upcoming Alliance webinar!

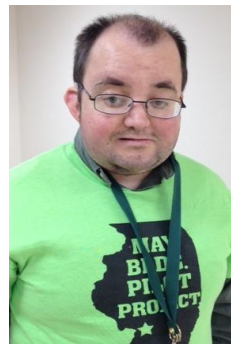
Everybody has something they do to relax. For Alliance Ambassador and self-advocate Courtney Buchanan from Speak Out QCA (Rock Island) that means coloring. Here is a small sampling of her work:



If these look like fun to you or maybe you just want to try something different, do it!

Do you have a favorite hobby? If you do, let us know about it, and maybe it'll be featured in the next Alliance Newsletter!

### **Congratulations to the Newest Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD) Board Members**

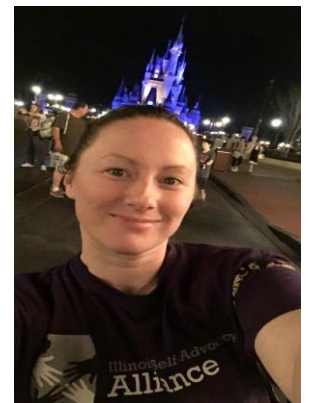


Congratulations to Nathan Joerndt (left) and Adam Cooper (right) on being appointed by the Governor's office to the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD) Board of Directors. Nathan is a member of Livingston County Advocates in Action (Pontiac) and Adam is a member of both The Network (Alton) and SEEC (Alton/Edwardsville). The mission of ICDD is to help lead change in Illinois so all people with developmental disabilities exercise their right to equal opportunity and freedom; the work of The Alliance is funded by ICDD. Congratulations Nathan and Adam on your appointment!

### **Speak Up and Speak Out No Matter Where You Go!**

Melissa Sands, ally/advisor of Sertoma United (Alsip), recently visited Walt Disney World in Florida and represented The Alliance by wearing her Alliance t-shirt. Many thanks to Melissa for sharing the message of self-advocacy when people read the back of her shirt and asked her about The Alliance!

Have a picture of you wearing your Alliance t-shirt and representing The Alliance? Please share it with us!





# Let's Get Ready

for the 5th Annual

# Going Home Advocacy Day

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Illinois State Capitol Rotunda

Springfield, Illinois

8.30am (registration begins) – 2.30pm

Rally begins at 11am

Join hundreds of self-advocates and allies in **speaking up** and **speaking out** in support of community living for people with disabilities.

**T-Shirts Will Not Be Given Out This Year.**

**Please wear a past Going Home, Speak Up and Speak Out, Alliance or other t-shirt that shows your support of advocacy!**

Going Home is an advocacy campaign dedicated to full inclusion and equality for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Registration is now open – please use form on next page**



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Agency/Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending (include self-advocates, allies, support staff): \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation Requests (sack lunches will be provided to all participants):

\_\_\_ Dietary requirements – please specify. NOTE: Any physician-prescribed dietary requirements will be accommodated; food preferences will not be honored \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_ Other requests – please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Sign language interpreters and light PA services will be available**

Please register by Wednesday, April 27, 2016 by mail or email to:

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