

# 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



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## Guardianship and You! Webinar

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017 10am CST**



Please register for Guardianship and You! at:

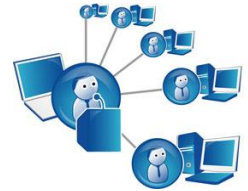
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1419985569058393347>

What's a guardian and what do they do? How did you get a guardian? What kind of guardianship do you have? Join self-advocates from CTF Advocacy in Charleston as they answer these questions and share much more!

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

## November Webinar Recording!

**"Speak Up and Speak Out Summit Recap" Webinar  
Recorded Live on November 21, 2017**



Join us for a Speak Up and Speak Out rewind, revisiting some of your favorite presentations and experiences. Come share your favorite moments of the conference and let us know what we could do to make it better next year. SUSO Summit Rewind will be led by Tara Wickey, The Alliance's Community Organizer.

Access the recording at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/1777952470445298947>



**Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) Conference  
June 7-9, 2018 – Birmingham, AL**

Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center  
2100 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd North  
Birmingham, AL

Learn more by going to <http://sabeconference.org>

Host Hotel: Sheraton Birmingham

Learn about ways to raise money to attend conferences and events by checking out The Alliance's webinar recording of "Show Me the Money: Fundraising for Your Self-Advocacy Group" at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5017719556004764163>



## **SARTAC is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 Self Advocacy Fellowship**

SARTAC stands for Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center. The center was created to share self advocacy ideas and help others across the country. A SARTAC Fellowship is a one-year self-advocacy project. The project should help the fellow grow their own skills as a leader. The project might work on finding new ideas to help solve problems many people have. It must end with a report or products others can use after the project is over. The Fellows will work on their projects about 6 hours each week. SARTAC pays Fellows \$5,000 to complete their projects. Six Fellows will be chosen this year.

### **Deadline to apply is December 31, 2017 at 7pm (Central Time)**

To learn more, there is a webinar "How To Apply for a SARTAC Fellowship" on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 12:00 pm (Central time). This webinar will be Live Closed Captioned.  
Meeting number (access code): 921 010 882



Join by computer by clicking on this meeting link:

<https://umkc.webex.com/umkc/j.php?MTID=m488e71727669b6b4c07e67a955d75fd6>



Join by phone: +1-855-282-6330 US TOLL FREE

Do you have questions, need help or want to know more about how to apply?

Please contact Danielle Underwood at 816-235-5359 or email [underwooddm@umkc.edu](mailto:underwooddm@umkc.edu).

Apply for the 2018-2019 Fellowship <http://selfadvocacyinfo.org/2018-2019-fellowship-application/>

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### Join CSH for a Supportive Housing Coffee Talk Helpline!

Bring a cup of coffee, some hot tea, a bottle of water, or your favorite soda to talk to CSH about supportive housing! Now that you were on the webinar to learn the basics about supportive housing, join the CSH Housing **Happy Hour** to ask any questions you have. If you think you might want to live in your own apartment or home someday, do you know what you need to do to get it? Call in to our Supportive Housing Helpline, and Julie Nelson or John Fallon will be on the line to answer questions or help you brainstorm about supportive housing. Call the conference line below, and Julie or John will be on the line to talk with you!

You can bring your questions, or ask for someone else. The Supportive Housing **Happy Hour** Helpline is open and welcoming of self-advocates and champions of self-advocates! This will be a supportive community and if multiple people are on the line we can encourage each other and brainstorm together.



**There are 2 dates for self-advocates and their champions!**

**January 17th, 4:00 to 5:00 pm**

**January 20th, 10:00 to 11:00 am**

**Call 1-866-840-0048**

**When it asks for your conference code, enter the number 2168105.**

We will have a third session for providers on January 16th, 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Got 10 minutes? You've got time to check out  
"10 Steps to Effective Self-Advocacy" at

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6n3uFdXo2Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6n3uFdXo2Y)



1. Believe in Yourself
2. Learn Your Rights
3. Discuss Your Questions and Concerns
4. Be Effective on the Phone
5. Put it in Writing
6. Get Information and Decision in Writing
7. Use the Chain of Command
8. Know Your Appeal Rights and Responsibilities
9. Follow Up and Say Thank You
10. Ask for Help