

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

**SPEAK UP AND
SPEAK OUT**
summit

October 31 – November 1, 2017
Wyndham Springfield City Centre
(formerly Hilton Hotel)
Springfield, Illinois

Check out www.speakupspeakoutsummit.org

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**"How to Lobby Your State Legislature" Webinar
Monday, October 2, 2017 10am**

Join self-advocate John Porter and Vickie Kean from Don Moss and Associates to learn about the Illinois legislature and how to connect with your elected officials. You'll also learn how a bill becomes a law and using the power of your story in influencing lawmakers!

Please register for How to Lobby Your State Legislature at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4306287153880607234>

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

**Speak Up and Speak Out - CSH Needs Your Help!**

CSH is developing training videos just for self-advocates; the videos will explain what supportive housing is. There will also be videos that feature self-advocates who live in supportive housing. CSH is looking for self-advocates to volunteer to preview the training video and give feedback or suggestions to make it better. Volunteers would need access to a computer with internet to preview the training video.

Interested? Want to learn more? Contact Julie Nelson at 312.332.6690 X 2828 or email her at julie.nelson@csh.org.

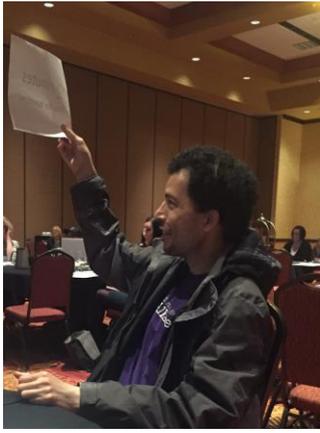
**"Show Me the Money: Fundraising for Your Self-Advocacy Group" Webinar
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 10am**

If you have ever wanted to put on a fundraiser for your self-advocacy group, but aren't sure where to start, this is the webinar for you! We will go over some fundraising ideas, how to develop an action plan for your fundraiser, and hear stories from self-advocates who have done fundraisers.

Please register for Show Me the Money: Fundraising for Your Self-Advocacy Group webinar at

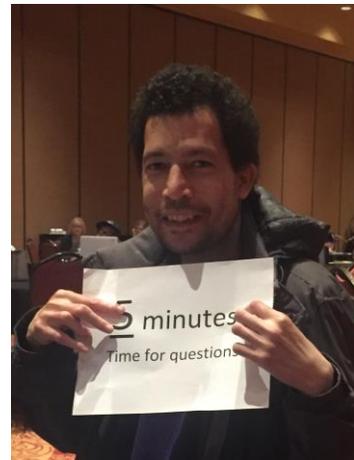
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At a recent Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD) Conference and Conversation in Bloomington, Illinois, self-advocates were involved in many ways: assisting with registration, giving out handouts, and being session moderators; greeting participants; co-presenting sessions; and being participants. Self-advocates asked questions, shared information, and gave answers.

Self-advocates spoke up and spoke out loud and clear ~ "nothing about us without us"!



Meet & Mingle

**EXPANDING INCLUSION IN THE
LGBTQ COMMUNITY**

**CENTER ON HALSTED
3656 N HALSTED | CHICAGO, IL**

**OCTOBER 18, 2017
5:30 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

Proud & Included is a partnership between Neumann Family Services and the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

Join us for a fun, informative, and energizing evening of interactive learning about ways to expand inclusion for LGBTQ adults with disabilities

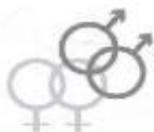
- ⬇️ **5:30 - 6:00** Meet and Mingle
- ⬇️ **6:00 - 6:15** Proud & Included overview (Project Manager and one Ambassador, short comments)
- ⬇️ **6:15 - 7:30** Inclusion training
 - **How to work with/provide services to LGBTQ adults with Developmental Disabilities**
 - **Cultural Competency: Educate LGBTQ Community organizations on disability culture**
 - **What inclusion looks like and ways to accomplish it**
- ⬇️ **7:30 - 8:00** Thanks and post-training mingling

LIGHT FARE AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

ORDER YOUR FREE TICKET AT

<http://www.proudandincluded.org/event-schedule.html>

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IATP's Statewide disAbility Expo 2017

October 23 & 24

Convention Center – Springfield, IL

Free & Open To The Public

Monday 10AM - 6 PM ♦ Tuesday 8AM - Noon

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- Explore New Products
- Essentials for Educators & Seniors
- Mini AAC Conference (contact IATP to register)
- Network with Colleagues
- Low Tech Make & Take (for a small fee)
- Win Door Prizes

For more info contact: Illinois Assistive Technology Program
800-852-5110 (V/TRS IL only) or email iatp@iltech.org
Sponsorship & vendor opportunities still available.