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The Alliance's Summer 2021 Empowerment Rally: Activating Advocacy for All

Number of participants = 300+

Number of days = 5

Number of presenters = 10+

Learning about advocacy = PRICELESS!

Although registration is closed for next week's Summer 2021 Empowerment Rally: Activating Advocacy for All, all days will be recorded.

Presentation slides, handouts, and recordings will be available on The Alliance's website and in the August 2021 newsletter.

Our Vision

Our vision is for self-advocates to work together to get the support we need and to live the life we want in the community.

Our Mission

Our mission is to speak up for ourselves and each other while working together to make changes in our communities and in Illinois.



Illinois Council on
Developmental
Disabilities

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Upcoming Webinar



"Let's Learn About CILs (Centers for Independent Living)

Wednesday, August 19, 2021

10 – 11am

Join [here](#) - Meeting ID: 841 9724 5322. Passcode: 123571.

This webinar will provide an introduction to centers for independent living or CIL's. What is a Center for Independent Living? What do they provide and how can they be a resource to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?

Join us for this informative and engaging webinar where you will hear from representatives from centers for independent living from across Illinois.



June was LGBTQ+ PRIDE Celebration Month!

On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, The Alliance recognized and celebrated June as LGBTQ+ PRIDE Month with guest speaker and a panel discussion. You can access the recording [here](#) and the slides [here](#).

WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Contribute to The Alliance newsletter each month. Share your ideas, hopes, dreams, success stories and challenges with The Alliance. You can send an article, a poem, a piece of artwork, photography, write a column, or ask a question. Send your content to info@selfadvocacyalliance.org.



Relationships on Tap

Grab yourself a beverage and join The Alliance for our monthly series, "Relationships on Tap!"

These monthly gatherings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month, and will be a time for individuals with disabilities to ask questions, learn and explore the topic of healthy relationships. All conversations will be confidential.

Friday, July 16, 2021 11am – 12noon

Join [here](#) - Meeting ID: 833 1820 2557. Passcode: 165429

Friday, August 20, 2021 11am – 12noon

Join [here](#) - Meeting ID: 833 7192 3451. Passcode: 952740

Calling All Self-Advocacy Group Advisors!



Join Alliance Advisors as they meet to learn with and from each other on monthly topics related to self-advocacy and self-advocacy groups. All self-advocacy group advisors are welcome to join! You do not need to be an Alliance member group advisor to join the monthly advisors meeting.

Monday, July 26, 2021 2 – 3pm

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#).



"Another Tool for Your Community Employment Toolbox!" recorded live on Thursday, June 17, 2021. View the recording [here](#).

Are you a person with a disability/autism/neurodiversity who is interested in community employment? Do you want to learn about people with disabilities/autism/neurodiversities who have built careers/independent lives? Then this presentation is for you!

Join Jason Weppelman as he shares about disabilities/autism/neurodiversities who have taken the steps to community employment as well as companies who have grown to realize the gifts and talents that people bring to the workplace. The presentation will share about www.sourceabled.com, a one-of-a-kind platform you can use to find companies looking to hire and provide any supports requested. Jason is the Client Program Manager for Rangam/SourceAble.

**Healthy Living Chit Chat: Summertime FUN
Time – Recorded Live on June 8, 2021**

Check out the recording [here](#).



Join us for the next Healthy Living Chit Chat on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 11am. Join [here](#) - Meeting ID: : 825 5275. Passcode: 258971.



These Zoom Meetings are run by Self-Advocates from across the country for our peers and allies.
Every Monday and Thursday

SARTAC Zoom Meetings

12noon Central Time (in Illinois)

Join on computer, tablet or smartphone

<https://zoom.us/j/324815633> or call 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 324 815 633

[Click Here](#) for handouts shared during Zoom Meetings



July 22 - Thursday

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

Join us for a discussion and celebration of 30 years of advocacy for the ADA.

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SARTAC Zoom Meetings continued**July 29 - Thursday****Moving To
Another State**

Many people with disabilities have a dream to move to another state. There are so many things to think about. Will I lose my benefits? How do I get services? **Join us! Get advice from self-advocates who have made the big move.**



Check out the most current information on SARTAC meetings by visiting The Alliance's Facebook page [here](#).

**"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more,
do more and become more, you are a leader."**

John Quincy Adams



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81069446373>

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Weekly WOW Meetings are held each Tuesday at 2pm Central Time. Check out the most current information on WOW meetings by visiting The Alliance's Facebook page [here](#).