

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 Dates



Going Home 2018 Advocacy Days

See page 3 for more information!

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We Are All in This Together! Webinar

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10am CST



Learn from representatives of Green Mountain Self-Advocates in Vermont as they share about

- their history
- connecting with community, agency/organization management, legislators, policymakers for change
- fundraising
- hosting community events/activities
- working within Vermont to affect change
- sharing information with the disability community
- statewide organization/change efforts that have been done in Vermont
- how allies (advisors) can support the self-advocacy movement

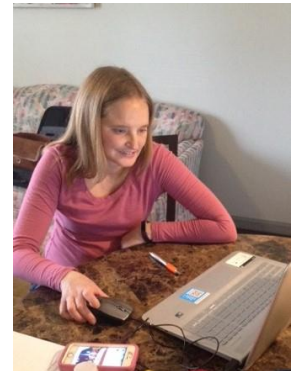
Please register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4610608885444260354>

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

Speak Up for Supportive Housing Webinar Recording

Recorded Live on Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Join supportive housing ambassadors and CSH staff as we learn together about supportive housing, what it is and how to get it. Everybody can speak up and decide if supportive housing is right for them!



Check out the webinar recording at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/378646904276577794?assets=true>

Check out these videos from the webinar:

Hands Off It's My Home is a song that highlights the rights people have in their own homes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrXmOHadkU4>

A Life & Home Like Any Other - Tom discusses the support he receives living in supportive housing, helping him to thrive in the community.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zLBCK-I4mQ&t=14s>



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Going Home 2018 Advocacy Days

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



March 26 – April 6, 2018 – District Days

Meet with your legislators in their home offices and ask them to support community living for people with disabilities



May 2, 2018 – Call In Day

Call Governor Rauner and ask him to support community living for people with disabilities

Sign up to receive Going Home 2018 Advocacy Days updates by emailing Krescene Beck at krescenebeck@gmail.com.

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

For more information, please visit www.goinghomeillinois.org.

We are a lot stronger when we work together!



Employment Rights Helpline at Equip for Equality

SELF-ADVOCACY ASSISTANCE ★ LEGAL ADVICE ABOUT EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ★ SAMPLE LETTERS & FORMS ★ REFERRALS

Did you know that Equip for Equality has an Employment Rights Helpline that provides free legal advice for employees and job seekers in Illinois?

Helpline staff can:

- Discuss your rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Answer your employment rights questions
- Assist with reasonable accommodation requests
- Help you understand your options
- Provide fact sheets, template letters and forms about common employment rights issues
- Provide other assistance, as needed

How to contact the Helpline

Toll free: (844) RIGHTS-9 (toll-free) or (844) 744-4879 (toll-free)

TTY: (800) 610-2779 (TTY)

Email: employment@equipforequality.org

“To achieve greatness, start where you are, use what you have, do what you can.”

~ Arthur Ashe

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