

Illinois Self Advocacy Alliance

The Alliance News

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The Alliance and The Arc of Illinois Spring 2019 Regional Training

Join The Alliance and The Arc of Illinois to learn about self-advocacy, the developmental disability service system in Illinois, legislative advocacy, and more! Trainings are free and will begin promptly at 10am and end at 2pm; lunch is included!

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Galesburg, IL

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Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation
228 West Miller Street
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See full flyer on Page 2 and Registration Form on Page 6.

Our 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.

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.

Our Focus

Our focus is on empowering people to speak up about what they want and need, don't want and don't need, action plan their goals and participate in advocacy at the personal, agency, community and statewide levels.



Illinois Council on
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Disabilities

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**5 Locations
3 Topics
1 Purpose**

**“Speaking Up and
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**Registration is limited to 75
at each location.**

Join the Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance (The Alliance) and The Arc of Illinois for a day of learning and advocacy including:

- Self-advocacy and how to speak up
- Adult services in Illinois, case management, and navigating the system
- 2019 legislation and policy priorities that could impact you

Trainings are free and will begin promptly at 10am and end at 2pm; lunch is included!

Register at <https://www.thearcofil.org/events/> (scroll through to find the location you want to attend) or contact Krescene Beck at the Alliance at krescenebeck@gmail.com or 618-806-9431.



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Protection & Advocacy for Social Security Beneficiaries: How Equip for Equality Can Help You Presentation

Hosted by the Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance (The Alliance), this presentation provides an overview of the Protection and Advocacy System for Illinois, Equip for Equality, and more specifically reviews two programs with a focus on beneficiaries of Social Security; Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) and the Representative Payee Program.

Intended Audience:

A person with a disability who receives SSI or SSDI and face barriers with employment.
A person who receives financial benefits from Social Security and wants to learn more about the Representative Payee Program

Speakers:

Joyce Otuwa, Staff Attorney

Lisa Lew, MSW, LSW, Equip for Equality, Rep Payee Project Manager

View the presentation at

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/5233758208228951298?assets=true>

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"Assistive Technology and Why It's Important!" Webinar Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 10:00am



Assistive technology is defined as products, equipment, and systems that enhance learning, working, and daily living for persons with disabilities. Let's learn about assistive technology of all kinds, from low to high tech and why it is important in all areas of life including school, work, play and independent living. Assistive technology is for all ages and disabilities!

About the Presenter

Susy Woods is the Public Policy and Education Liaison for the Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP). In this job she attends I.E.P. and 504 meetings with families to support them from Early Intervention through College and works on policy at the state. Suzy has recently been appointed to the Springfield Disability Commission.

Please register for Assistive Technology and Why It's Important! At <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3280292182332909059>

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

SILC (Statewide Independent Living Council) and INCIL (Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living) are pleased to host the last in our series of webinars designed to enhance patient advocacy for persons with disabilities at hospitals and other healthcare facilities.



This webinar will focus on the specific disability population of people with Developmental Disabilities/Learning Disabilities, their families and their advocates.

This webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 13th from 1pm - 3pm and end with a live Q & A period.

Speaker Andrés Gallegos, Esq. will provide information focusing on the rights of people with disabilities to accessible healthcare and teaching participants to "Act B-A-D," a three-phase patient advocacy strategy.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/act-b-a-d-a-three-phase-patient-advocacy-strategy-tickets-55782039582>

All the webinars will be captioned, recorded and posted to www.silcofillinois.org for your viewing pleasure 24/7.



TRANSITION FAIR

Hosted by Madison County TPC

Guest Speakers are scheduled to present on the following topics:
4:15 – Transition Services 5:15 – Housing Options
6:15 – Employment and Training 7:15 – Legal Topics

Hot dogs, popcorn, and drink will be provided to all attendees.
This event is free!!

HOURS OF EARNED CREDIT (CEU'S) ARE AVAILABLE TO EDUCATORS WHO ATTEND ANY GUEST SPEAKER SESSION

**THURSDAY
MARCH 21ST, 2019
3:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.**

Edwardsville Moose Lodge
7371 Marine Road
Edwardsville IL. 62025

For more information contact:
Paula Barton at pbarton@region3sec.org or
Micki Watkins at mwatkins@roe41.org

WE NEED YOU! TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

WE NEED YOU... to contribute to The Alliance newsletter each month. Share your ideas, hopes, dreams, success stories and challenges with The Alliance. You can submit an article, a poem, a piece of artwork, photography, write a column, or ask a question.

Let us know if you have any questions. Submit your content to info@selfadvocacyalliance.org.

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Agency/Group /Family Name _____

Address _____

Contact Person Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Total Number Attending (include self-advocates, allies, support staff, family members): _____

Accommodation Requests (box 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 _____

___ Other requests – please specify _____

All materials will be available in 14 point font.

Please register at least 1 week before the training you wish to attend.

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