

# 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 pages 3 and 4 for more information!



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### **Living a Quality Life in Geneseo Webinar Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1pm CST**

Join Tyson, an outspoken self-advocate from Geneseo (Illinois), as he shares about his PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows With Hope) journey and what it means to live a quality life.

Please register for Living a Quality Life in Geneseo! on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1:00 PM CDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8658971117115948547>

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



### **We Are All in This Together! Webinar Recording**

**Recorded Live on Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

"We Are All In This Together!" Webinar Recording (recorded live on 2.13.18)

Learn from Max Barrow, Outreach Director at Green Mountain Self-Advocates (GMSA) in Vermont, as he shares about

- the history of GMSA
- 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

View the webinar recording at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/1928237020123534594?assets=true>



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# Save the Dates

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.goinghomeillinois.org).

**We are a lot stronger when we work together!**

## Activities to Help You Get Prepared for Going Home 2018 Advocacy Days



### Activities for the Week of February 5, 2018:

- Put the District Days and Call In Day on your calendar
- Share District Days and Call In Day on your agency/organization/personal social media
- Go to Going Home website at [www.goinghomeillinois.org](http://www.goinghomeillinois.org) and watch the Full Documentary and Success Stories

### Activities for the Week of February 12, 2018:

- Go to Going Home website at [www.goinghomeillinois.org](http://www.goinghomeillinois.org) and watch "Case for Closure"
- Go to Going Home Resource Center at [www.goinghomeillinois.org/resource-center/](http://www.goinghomeillinois.org/resource-center/) and read the following:
  - Going Home Coalition Mission Statement
  - Going Home Illinois (Infographic)
  - A Full Life in the Community (Infographic)
  - Advocacy Sheet
  - FAQs
- Share Going Home website address on agency/organization/personal social media

### Activities for the Week of February 19, 2018:

- Check out "Got Time" handout at <http://selfadvocacyalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Got-Time-Advocating-for-An-Issue-or-Concern-c-2018.pdf>
- Share about Going Home Illinois with friends, colleagues, agency/organization, community
- Watch "How to Lobby Your State Legislature" recorded webinar at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/1019194888174893058>

**PLEASE NOTE: Some of our Going Home allies are not permitted to lobby; this webinar contains useful information on education/advocacy in talking with your legislators.**

### Activities for the Week of February 26, 2018:

- Look up your Illinois state senator and Illinois state representative at <http://www.elections.il.gov/districtlocator/addressfinder.aspx>
- Make appointments to meet with your Illinois state senator **and** your Illinois state representative during Advocacy Days time period of March 26 – April 6, 2018
  - When calling to make the appointments, the staff may ask the purpose of your visit. Tell the staff you want state operated developmental centers in Illinois closed and funds redirected to community living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TRANSITION PLANNING

5th Annual

# GET IT DONE DAY

HOSTED BY THE MADISON COUNTY TRANSITION  
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday March 15 2018  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Edwardsville Moose Lodge  
7371 Marine Road  
Edwardsville IL. 62025

This is a free  
event!

Persons of all ages with a  
variety of disabilities and their  
families are invited to attend.

This is an opportunity for  
families to meet with service  
providers and to learn about  
services in the community that can be  
accessed now and in the future. It's never  
too early to start planning and gathering  
resources.

Guest Speakers are scheduled to present on the following topics:

4:15 - Transition Services

5:15 - Housing Options

6:15 - Employment & Training

7:15 - Legal Topics for Persons with Disabilities and their Families

Hours of Earned Credit (CEU's) are available to educators who attend any Guest Speaker Session.



Announcing...



The 17th Annual Art Exhibit and Contest...

...to be displayed at The Arc of Illinois Convention on Wednesday and Thursday, April 25-26, 2018, at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, IL.



Contest rules:

- Artwork must be a 2-D original piece completed by an individual or group of individuals with developmental disabilities.
Piece must be mounted on a firm rigid surface (foamboard, etc.) for display on an easel. Many participants frame their work.
Limit one piece per artist or group.
Artists have the option of donating their original piece to The Arc of Illinois for the convention's Silent Auction.
Judging for first, second and third place awards will be done by conference attendees. Prizes will be awarded at the luncheon on Thursday, April 26, 2018 and are determined by the number of votes received.
Please complete the form below and submit to The Arc of Illinois, 20901 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 209, Frankfort, IL 60423 or fax to 815-464-5292.

NO SUBMISSIONS OF ARTWORK WILL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT THE ARC OF ILLINOIS RECEIVING THIS FORM BY APRIL 1, 2018.

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address : (to send further instructions) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions of 2-D artwork: Width \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

I do \_\_\_ do not \_\_\_ wish to donate my work to The Arc of Illinois for the Silent Auction.

Please, one form per artist/group. Duplicate form as needed.