



Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance's

# Alliance Monthly Update September 2012

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So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.

~ Christopher Reeve

## State Action Update



On August 21, 2012, the Alliance along with self-advocate representatives from two of the member groups met with DHS DDD Director Kevin Casey. At the meeting we discussed the reason DDD changed QSP to QIDP, and how we could go about changing it back. DDD will look into the reasons it changed and the possibilities of changing it back and us a definite answer. We

also talked about ideas for employment, and how DDD and DHS need to work together to have better communication with each other. Kevin Casey told us that he is willing to work and help self-advocates in fighting for what we want but we need to come up with ideas on how he can help us. He wants to start meeting with self-advocates on a regular basis! We will meet with Kevin again in September/October.

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## Local Group Updates

Happy September everybody! It's hard to believe summer is almost over. As you can already tell, we at the Alliance have a busy couple of months coming at us. Here's what a few of our groups have been up to:

- CAPS has spent the whole summer planning trips and going on trips, using money earned from making cookbooks and bracelets!
- Strike For a Better Change is trying to come up with new ways to spread the message of their anti-bullying campaign.

- The Network recently had another successful fundraiser/party at a local park, and they're making plans to attend SUSO.
- Speak Out of Rock Island is planning a gathering of their local politicians. The event is to take place 9/17. They've invited local legislators and have even gone so far as to

invite President Obama himself. Impressive, no? Keep up the good work!

- SACNI recently had their annual celebration. You can see some pictures from their recent events on their Facebook page.

Keep Speaking up!  
Megan Norlin  
Alliance Local Group Coordinator

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Unsure of where candidates stand on issues that are important to you? Check out Project Vote Smart's VoteEasy to find out how your candidates compare to your views.

Log on to <http://votesmart.org>



Stay up-to-date by checking out the Alliance website regularly ~ new items are frequently added!

## New Resources to Assist in Responding to Women with Disabilities who Experience Sexual Violence



Illinois Imagines Project, a collaborative among the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and self-advocates for people with disabilities, have been working to improve services and response to women with disabilities who experience sexual violence.

Over the past three years, three laws have been passed that improve public policy with the goal of increasing access to services:

- P.A. 96-318, effective 1.1.10 (adult with guardian can consent to emergency healthcare and release rape kit) - 410 ILCS 70/5(b).

- P.A. 96-1010, effective 1.1.11 (adult with a guardian can decide who can see her rape crisis center records and whether to release the records) - 735 ILCS 5/8-802.1.
- P.A. 97-165, effective 1.1.12 (short-term counseling for adults with guardians) - 405 ILCS 5/2-101.1.

### Questions?

Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA)  
217.753.4117  
[www.icasa.org](http://www.icasa.org)

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)  
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Unit  
217.558.6192 or  
[teresa.tudor@illinois.gov](mailto:teresa.tudor@illinois.gov)



**SPEAK UP SPEAK OUT SUMMIT**, scheduled for October 30-31, 2012, at the Springfield Hilton, is all ready for your registration!!

[www.speakupspeakoutsummit.org](http://www.speakupspeakoutsummit.org)



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# Self-Advocacy Works 2012



## Two Dates and Locations To Choose From!

Wednesday, September 12, 2012  
10am – 2.30pm (registration begins at 9.30am)  
First United Methodist Church  
2941 S. Koke Mill Road  
Springfield, IL

Wednesday, September 26, 2012  
10am – 2.30pm (registration begins at 9.30am)  
Joliet Public Library ~ Black Road Branch  
3395 Black Road  
Joliet, IL

**Self-Advocacy Works 2012 highlights two ways to have your voice heard:**

## Voting

## DHS DDD Systems Change

### EVENT DETAILS:

This event is free, and lunch is included.

Please register by completing the Registration Form. Registrations are limited to nine (9) attendees from each agency/self-advocacy group, and must be in by Friday, September 7, 2012 so that lunches can be ordered and accommodations prepared.

The Alliance will reimburse mileage for self-advocate transportation.

For more information, please contact Krescene Beck at 618.806.9431 or [krescenebeck@gmail.com](mailto:krescenebeck@gmail.com).

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**Please check training location. Space Is Limited. Each agency/self-advocacy group may register up to a total of nine (9) participants (self-advocates and support staff combined).**

**Number attending:** Self-Advocates \_\_\_\_\_ Support People \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Self-Advocacy Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Self-Advocates (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of Support People (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Contact Person

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Accommodation Requests

\_\_\_ Sign language interpreter

\_\_\_ Dietary requirements – please specify (ie, Gluten Free, Dental Soft, No Styrofoam, etc.). **NOTE:**

**Any physician-prescribed dietary requirements will be accommodated; food preferences will not be honored.**

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\_\_\_ Other requests – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Please register by Friday, September 7, 2012 by mail, email, or fax to:**

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