

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.

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A Message to Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner



Cami Smith is a self-advocate, advocate, speaker, and leader. She is a member of RGA (Ray Graham Association) Council, an Alliance member group. Cami is also an Alliance Ambassador. Check out her message to Governor Rauner:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCBfd7JbJs4&t=30s>

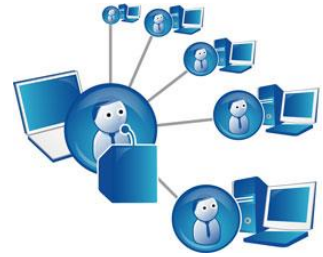
Thanks for speaking up and speaking out, Cami!

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June 2017 Webinar Recording!**"So You Want to Present at a Conference" ~ recorded live on 6.20.17**

If you've ever heard someone speak at a conference and wondered how they got to be a speaker, this is the right webinar for you! In "So You Want to Present at a Conference..." we will go over what YOU need to do to become a speaker at a conference. We'll cover the basics of the application process, developing your presentation, and preparing for the big event. If that sounds good to you, please join us!

Access the recording at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/6576522476838967299>

**"We Are Self-Advocates" Webinar
Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1.30pm**

Join Daniel and Decker, self-advocates at CTF Illinois Advocacy Center Champaign as they take you through the pieces of the self-advocacy puzzle ~ who, what, when, where ~ needed to speak up and speak out for your life!



Please register for We Are Self-Advocates at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/260193213322217986>

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

**Searching for information about
HCBS (Home and Community Based Services)?**

Be sure to check out the HCBS Webinar on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 10am Central Time

Please register at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1800731049167435779>

Led by two self-advocates who serve as HCBS Leadership Fellows, you'll learn about the new federal rules and the things your support provider will be doing. It is all about you!



In June, the Alliance Board of Directors, Alliance Ambassadors, and Alliance staff met for a 2-day retreat filled with learning and sharing. During that time, a board meeting was held as well as a presentation by Ambassadors. The Executive Director of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities also participated in the retreat, sharing how self-advocates can get involved in speaking up and speaking out to their US senators representing Illinois ~ see the next page for the letter and pictures of retreat attendees writing their personal messages. We are a lot stronger when we are working together!



The Alliance is proud to be part of Proud & Included!

Proud & Included is an initiative developed to serve individuals in Cook County with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) that identify as LGBTQ. This project is designed to empower adults with IDD and assist in their integration into the larger LGBTQ community through self-advocacy and event participation.

Our hope is participation in County wide LGBTQ community events will bridge the gap of social acceptance of sexual identity the IDD population struggles with daily.

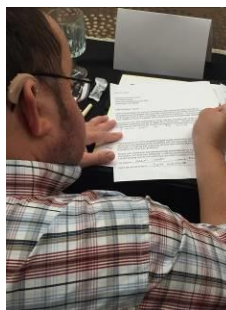
Learn more at www.proudandincluded.org

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From Microsoft Office and email to reading, math, and more, GCFLearnFree.org offers more than 180 topics, including more than 2,000 lessons, 800+ videos, and 55+ interactives and games, completely free.

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June 2, 2017

Senator Dick Durbin
525 S. 8th Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Senator Durbin;

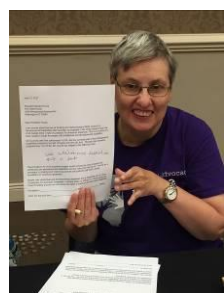
I am worried about the loss of funding and restructuring of State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (DD Councils) as proposed in the White House's Fiscal Year 2018 budget titled *A New Foundation For American Greatness*. This cut in funding will have negative results for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

DD Councils were first authorized in 1970, and are currently part of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (The DD Act). Through their innovative programming, The Illinois DD Council has helped in the following ways:

The President's FY 2018 proposed budget would remove the voice of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and my voice from the DD Act. The DD Act is necessary in creating and improving services and systems that build a strong foundation for American greatness.

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are an important part of *A New Foundation For American Greatness* ~ nothing about us without us! Please restore DD Council funding and do not restructure the State Councils on Developmental Disabilities.

My name is _____; I live in _____, Illinois,
and I am proud to be a _____.



"Sometimes, it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom."

~ Nelson Mandela

Are you a 14(c) wage certificate holder in Illinois?

Are you paying employees with disabilities a subminimum wage?

Are you looking for training to comply with
Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973's Section 511?

The Alliance is here to help!

The Alliance can provide a one-hour onsite training designed to meet the requirements of providing employees with disabilities information about local self-advocacy, self-determination, and peer mentoring training opportunities. All training is interactive, universally designed, meets a variety of learning styles, and is co-presented by a self-advocate and Alliance staff. Training class size is 30.

Cost (includes agency/organization receiving presentation as well as additional resources on self-advocacy):

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| One-day training for 1 class | \$150 |
| One day training for 2 classes | \$175 |
| Two-day training for 3 classes | \$200 |
| Two-day training for 4 classes | \$225 |
| Three-day training for 5-6 classes | \$275 |

Want To Learn More? Contact Megan Norlin at megan.advocacy@gmail.com or 815.228.9829

About The Alliance: The Alliance is a statewide team of self-advocacy groups in Illinois, working together to make life better in their communities and services better in Illinois.



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Thank You Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board!

Earlier this month, CTF ILLINOIS received a \$60,000 grant from the Champaign County (Illinois) Developmental Disabilities Board. The grant application was written and submitted in the hopes of benefiting adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities living in Champaign county who currently do not receive day programming. The money will allow the Advocacy Center of Champaign to provide 185 hours of service per month for individuals who do not receive community or home-based waiver funding and cannot not afford to pay privately for day programming.

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