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Welcome to The Arc's Virtual Program Library



On this site, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their caregivers can find and share on-demand activities that they can use whenever it is convenient for them in the comfort of their own homes. Service providers can also find and share resources that they can use to facilitate or deliver live, remote programming for people with IDD.

Click [here](#) to check out the Virtual Program Library.

Our Vision

Our vision is for self-advocates to work together to get the support we need and 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.



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Calling All Self-Advocacy Group Advisors!



Join Alliance Advisors as they meet to learn with and from each other on topics related to self-advocacy and self-advocacy groups. All self-advocacy group advisors are welcome to join! You do not need to be an Alliance member group advisor to join the monthly advisors meeting.

The focus at the December 2021 meeting was Planning for 2022. In case you missed it, check out the recording [here](#), and the PowerPoint slides [here](#).

Watch for information on upcoming Advisor Meet Ups!



Equip for Equality

Advancing the Human & Civil Rights of People with Disabilities in Illinois

Equip for Equality's mission is to advance the human and civil rights of children and adults with disabilities in Illinois.

Stay up to date on Illinois legislative updates as well as other happenings at Equip for Equality (E4E) by visiting [here](#). You can also sign up for the e-newsletter by clicking [here](#).

WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Contribute to The Alliance newsletter each month. Share your ideas, hopes, dreams, success stories and challenges with The Alliance. You can send an article, a poem, a piece of artwork, photography, write a column, or ask a question. Send your content to info@selfadvocacyalliance.org.

PUBLIC WEBINAR: Illinois Legislation, Policy, and Advocacy News!

Date: Monday, February 28, 2022

Time: 1 - 3.30pm Central Time

Who is invited: Everyone!

This virtual webinar will provide attendees with an overview of proposed bills in the 2022 Illinois General Assembly that are relevant to the Developmental Disability community in Illinois. Attendees will also receive updates and information on:

- Legislative session schedule
- Important committees and leaders
- Bills that have been introduced
- ICDD: who we are and what we do
- Governor Pritzker's Budget breakdown
- Federal legislation/policy updates
- Advocacy recommendations

Register

Presenters include:

- Curtis Harris, Self-Advocate
- Phil Milsk, Attorney
- Mariel Hamer-Sinclair, Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD)

Learn more about ICDD by visiting the website [here](#).



SARTAC Zoom Meetings

12noon Central Time (in Illinois)

Join on computer, tablet or smartphone

<https://zoom.us/j/324815633> or call 1-929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 324 815 633

[Click Here](#) for handouts shared during Meetings

January 20 Meeting

Getting a New Job

Are you looking to make a change in 2022? Hear from self-advocates who are working a job they love. Get tips on how to find a job and get the support you need to make it happen.



January 27 Meeting

Transportation Training by SANYS

Right 2 Ride is a video based, peer-to-peer training about Taking Public Transit, Transportation Advocacy, and the ADA as it relates to transportation.