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Judith "Judy" Heumann - widely regarded as "the mother" of the disability rights movement - passed away in Washington, D.C. on March 4, 2023.

Judy was at the forefront of major disability rights demonstrations, helped lead the passage of disability rights legislation, founded national and international disability advocacy organizations, held senior federal government positions, wrote two books, and was featured in a film called Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution.

Learn more about the life and legacy of Judy Heumann [here](#).



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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Chris Lenart, The Alliance's Policy Coordinator, has a Policy Moment video that posts on YouTube each Monday morning!

Get caught up by checking out past Policy Moments:

Monday, February 13, 2023 – [Meet Chris Lenart](#)

Monday, February 27, 2023 – [Governor Pritzker's Proposed 2024 Budget](#)

Monday, March 6, 2023 – [Equip for Equality](#)

Monday, March 13, 2023 – [What is a Policy?](#)

Upcoming Policy Moments will focus on Marriage Equality for People with Disabilities, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Alliance is on YouTube!
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**Got an idea for a presentation?
We want to know about it!**

Send your idea to info@selfadvocacyalliance.org.

In Case You Missed It!

You Be the Judge: The ADA Game Webinar

Recorded Live on Tuesday, February 21, 2023

View the recording [here](#).



During "You Be the Judge ", participants will acquire an understanding of the basic principles of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) through discussing and deciding whether discrimination has occurred in cases that are reviewed. The names in the cases have been changed to protect the innocent and the guilty.

Consuelo Puente is a multicultural training with Family Matters Parent Training and Information Center (FMPTIC). She is a retired attorney and has many years of experience in disability related matters.

In Case You Missed It!

It's My Right!

Recorded live on Tuesday, March 14, 2023

View the recording [here](#).

Let's work together to learn about our rights and our responsibilities as self-advocates. Join Vincent Smith as we learn about our rights from global, national, statewide, and service perspectives.



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**Self-Advocacy Meetings
Every Thursday at
12noon Central Time**

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



Thursday, March 16 - Medical Advisory

SANYS is the Self-Advocacy Association of New York State. Their New York City team will do a medical advisory presentation. How speaking up can make a difference in the healthcare we get.

Thursday, March 23 - What's Going On in Your State?

We want to hear from state self-advocacy groups.
Tell us 2 things:

1. The top issue you are working on and what you are doing about it
2. Describe or share one training



Thursday, March 30 - Three Amazing SARTAC Internships!



1. Susan Parker taught her peers how to use the tool Charting My LifeCourse.
2. Eddie Hall expresses self-advocacy thru adaptive recreation.
3. Nathaniel Livernois describes how the lives of people who left an institution have changed.