

Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance

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Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance Member Group Chapter Applications Now Being Accepted!

Interested in starting a self-advocacy group?
Wanting to reinvigorate your current group?
Alliance Member Group Chapter Applications are
now being accepted!

The Alliance held a webinar on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 about joining or re-signing as an Alliance member group chapter. Membership with the The Alliance looks a bit different during this grant cycle. During our time together, we discussed what services The Alliance will offer to self-advocacy groups, the expectations for member group chapters, and answered questions. Check out the recording [here](#).

If you want to learn more about The Alliance and becoming a member group chapter, please email us at info@selfadvocacy.org.

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, March 20, 2023 – [Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#)

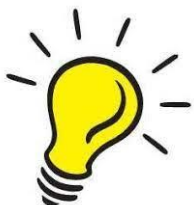
Monday, March 27, 2023 – [ADA \(Americans with Disabilities Act\)](#)

Monday, April 3, 2023 – [Marriage](#)

Monday, April 10, 2023 – [ILGA \(Illinois General Assembly\) Website](#)

Got an idea for a policy moment? Let Chris know at chris@selfadvocacyalliance.org

The Alliance is on YouTube!
Find and subscribe by searching for
Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance



**Got an idea for a presentation?
We want to know about it!**

Send your ideas to info@selfadvocacyalliance.org.

Upcoming Webinar!

Funding for State Self-Advocacy Groups

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

10am Central Time

Join on computer, tablet or smartphone

Click [here](#)

Meeting ID: 889 0402 9497

Passcode: 147795



“Nothing lasts forever.” People say this a lot today. When it comes to the money needed to operate self-advocacy groups it is true. It is important for self-advocacy networks and groups to plan for their future – particularly how they will fund their projects and activities and how they can have enough money to continue their activities when or if they lose a major funding source. This toolkit gives state self-advocacy networks and groups information on how to raise funds from different sources available to them.

About the Presenter

Christinne Gray is a self-advocate from Florida and is a 2019-2020 SARTAC Fellow. Christinne earned her B.A. and M.S. from the University of Central Florida and is a bilingual speaker, a published author, and disability advocate. Her unique experience as a single Hispanic parent with Cerebral Palsy fuels her lifelong passion for advocacy for the rights of parents with disabilities and inclusion of persons with disabilities. Christinne regularly lectures on a wide variety of topics including accessibility, health care advocacy, disability sensitivity and more.

**All our dreams can come true,
if we have the courage to pursue them.**

~ Walt Disney



**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



NED CASTLE

**Thursday, April 13 – Meet Filmmaker
Ned Castle**

Ned Castle wants your feedback. Ned is making a documentary called All You Hear Is Noise. The film is about U.S. athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They travel to Abu Dhabi to compete in the Special Olympic World Games. Watch the athletes weather the pressures of international competition. Follow them as they return home to the joys and challenges of daily life. The audience considers the many ways ableism exists today in our world.



**Thursday, April 20 – Am I Eligible to Get a
COVID-19 Vaccine Booster?**

In March, the government put out new guidance about booster shots. Eligibility for a booster depends on:

- Your age
- If you are at risk of getting really sick with COVID
- OR
- When you got your most recent booster shot