



Self-Advocacy & Leadership Committee

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**Self-Advocacy
& Leadership
Committee
Description:**

**To support and advance
self-advocacy and
leadership for individuals
with developmental
disabilities.**

2022 Work Plan Activities

Goal 2 - Self-Advocacy and Leadership

People with developmental disabilities will have increased access to education, tools, and opportunities for self-advocacy across the lifespan to increase the number of people with developmental disabilities expressing their vision for their lives in local, state, and national forums.

Objective 1

DD Shared Vision Implementation

People with developmental disabilities will have information on the Shared Vision and will have opportunities to actively participate in planning and implementation of the Shared Vision to increase the number of people who understand the Shared Vision and the number who live the life they choose with the supports they direct.

Produce or provide at least 1 informational outreach resource about the Vision for use at community events, fairs, conference exhibit tables, stakeholder meetings, social events (brochure, infographic postcard, poster, banner, etc.).

Collaborate with a statewide DD self-advocacy organization on at least one statewide legislative advocacy training per year (with Legislative Committee).

Contribute to, support, or promote one publication, training, video, or presentation that is a legislative/policy advocacy training resource (with Legislative Committee).

Objective 2

Support Self-Advocacy Organization

A self-advocacy organization will have direct funding support; and information, training, and tools for success to increase its membership, sustainability, and organizational outreach.

Develop and publish a Request for Information/Interest targeting self-advocacy organizations.

Support 2 Council member advocates or self-advocacy board members to attend/participate in a national legislative or policy advocacy training (DPS, TASH, etc.).

Annually, sponsor the attendance of at least 2 Council members or self-advocacy board members who experience DD or are family members at statewide events, conferences, and/or trainings on full and meaningful lives, health and well-being, HCBS, and/or Medicaid.

Develop a white paper on the types and number of self-advocacy groups operating in Alaska. Include information on membership, location, and mission where possible.

Support the Self-Advocacy Empower Hour at least quarterly (or 4 times a year) by providing financial and technical support with Zoom platform and staff during meetings, as well as assisting with marketing (for example posting on social media, listserv).

December 16, 2021, Meeting

- Discussion covering workplan objectives and activities
- Looking for ways to develop DD Shared Vision concepts into the ongoing work
 - Potential to work with DD Collaborative to help target where the committee's assistance could be valuable
- Discussed Empower Hour
 - In order to prevent burnout, could use roster of self-advocates that could lead events

Upcoming Activities

- Meetings typically on 3rd Thursday of the Month
 - 11:00am – 12:30pm
 - Next: Feb. 24th, 2022
 - Changed from regular schedule to accommodate Key Campaign schedule
- Empower Hour Relaunch

Questions?

