

Self Advocate Coordinator Fact Sheet



Self Advocacy

Help make self advocacy bigger and better in Connecticut!



Consumer Participatpation

Expand consumer participation in DDS decision-making activities



Leadership Development

Help self advocates become effective leaders through participation in training and Toastmaster activities



Regional Responsibilites

Assist DDS employees within each division to improve how to effectively support consumer self advoacy and self determiniation activities



Spreading the Word

Help spread the word about self advocacy and self determination in ways that are easy for others to understand

How can the Self Advocate Coordinators help you?

The Self Advocate Coordinatiors can assist you in lots of ways. They can help you to enhance your self advocacy skills. They need to know your points of view about important issues and what training and educationial opportunities would best meet your needs. They also want to hear your ideas for newsletter articles, guides and other written material that will help you and other consumers to advocate better and to lead self determined lives. They want to be good representatives for you and the other people served by DDS.

What other ways can Self Advocate Coordinators help you?

They can help you start a self advocacy group and can assist existing groups do more and improve on their current activities.

Who should I contact for more information?

You should call the Self Advocate Cooridnator in your geographic area if you are interested in learning more about the work they do, or if you think they can assist you in some way. The contact information for the Self Advocate Coordinators in your area is listed below;

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