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SELF-ADVOCACY



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The State DD Council has funding for self-advocacy. Our proposal is that much of that pot of money goes to 13 local area boards. The area boards will:

1. Create their own local summit of People First groups, self-advocacy groups, consumer advisory committees, federal partners, disability groups, minority groups, and other advocates to develop a strategy for each region.

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2. Some of that money could go to whatever priorities are decided at the local summit. Those could be things like:
 - a. Leadership training
 - b. Youth outreach
 - c. Outreach to people of color
 - d. Other...

No matter what, we need measureable outcomes!

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3. Some money would stay at the state level for things like:
 - a. Bringing regions together in a coalition
 - b. Statewide action alerts
 - c. Developing outreach materials
 - d. Creating a state self-advocacy resource library

This is just the start of our plan, which needs further refining and discussion at all levels.