



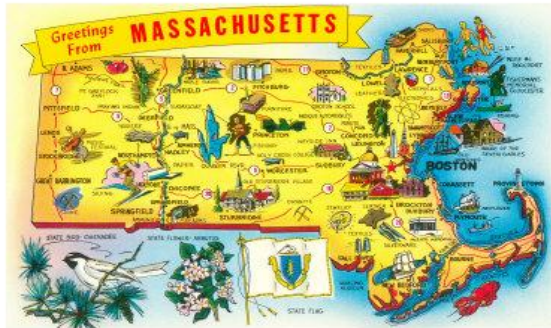
# Self Advocacy in Massachusetts

*Envisioning the Future*

*Allies in Self-Advocacy Summit*

*Providence Rhode Island*

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**Goal #1: Establish and expand collaboration among disability advocacy groups across disabilities to address common issues such as: employment, housing, transportation, transition and closing institutions.**

<b>HOW?</b>	<b>WHO?</b>	<b>WHEN?</b>
Form a coalition of cross disability organizations ensuring outreach and collaboration with current self advocacy groups in the state	Disability Law Center in collaboration with the DD council & DD network	On or before September 1 <sup>st</sup> 2011
Identify common issues to address	Cross disability coalition	On or before January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2012
Develop a work plan with expected outcomes, timetable and key activities	Staff of coalition	On or before June 1 <sup>st</sup> 2012

## Draft Goals for further Discussion

**Goal #2: Promote youth development by working to include self-advocacy and self determination training to adolescents and young adults with disabilities as preparation for the transition to adulthood.**

**Goal #3: Increase ability of health and service providers to listen to and feel comfortable with responding to the self-advocate needs, interests and wants**

**Goal #4: Expand regional self advocate coordinators throughout the state to build and sustain self advocacy in MA. They would serve as point person for collaboration among self advocates and allies.**