

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



ALLIES IN SELF-ADVOCACY



Goal #1 Increase individual self-advocacy

How?	Who?	When?
Provide leadership skill training to self-advocates across the state	DD Council funds The Partner for Freedom (ARC&UCED) provide training	Start June 2011
Provide opportunities for people to use their self-advocacy leadership skills	Community Mental Health Agencies	Now
Identify a way to keep the training going over time	DD Council/UCED/P&A	Now
Expand peer mentoring – both paid and unpaid	DD Council Dept. of Community Health	Now
Include self-advocacy training in secondary school curriculum making sure to reach students with complex needs	The network through the Individuals and Families Work Group	Oct. 2011

Goal #2 Increase system self-advocacy to influence public policy

How?	Who?	When?
Continue to fund training for Regional Interagency Consumer Committees (RICCs) on “How to have your voice heard in public policy.”	DD Council Involve the network	Now
Create clear expectations of the RICCs that they must carry on at the local level and become independent of the DD Council funding	DD Council through the planning process; Involve the network	Begin the process now
Increase voting registration and voting	P&A	Now
Maintain Michigan Partners for Freedom – a broad based group for self -advocates to partner with - and expand the Partners group even further	DD Council Involve the network Dept. of Community Health (state agency)	Now
Connect the state youth leadership group with National Youth Leadership Network	State youth leadership group	