



CALIFORNIA

SELF-ADVOCACY



CA ADD Action Recommendations

National Actions

1. ADD can develop a task force for self-advocates to guide its work; including but not limited to, keeping the momentum of self-advocates of progress after the summits to address the needs of under-represented groups.
2. Throughout all ADD's activities, initiatives, etc, ADD's leadership will promote & embed youth, rural/urban, people of color, LGBT
3. ADD be more active in Public Awareness campaigns “use of multiple media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, You-Tube) to address the discrimination and stigma by people with developmental disabilities especially when hot topics are in the news.

CA ADD Policy Recommendations

1. Add “Dignity and Respect” to DD Act which will then require ADD to recommend implementation of Olmstead decision work with DOJ to close institutions, CMS to increase funds for community services and add self-advocacy as a waiver service, SSA to repeal the marriage penalty etc.
2. Set standards for ADD grantees to ensure the inclusion of paid self-advocates in shaping policies which impact people with DD for example sustainable employment, post-secondary education, de-institutionalization, addressing disparities in accessing services for people with DD from underrepresented groups

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3. ADD will charge the state DD network to provide technical assistance and core funding to support development of state coalitions; sustain self-advocacy groups, leadership training youth development towards the sustainability of infrastructure in states for self-advocacy