

Florida



Florida Recommendations

National Action

1. Support the creation of a national self-advocacy organization or network by working closely with state level organizations. Help them connect with each other and the states will build it. ADD should support:
 - Summits
 - National Conference
 - National Conference Calls and Webinars
 - Training for self-advocacy with self advocates in the lead
 - Training on how to run national and state self advocacy organizations
 - Train self advocates to be their own advisors
 - Training for self advocates on how to write grants
 - Training for advisors on their roles
2. Maintain mandate on DD Councils to support self-advocacy
 - Support a state self-advocacy organization
 - Self advocates training other self advocates in leadership
3. Modify third clause in DD Act: Self advocates having meaningful participation in coalitions, in the design of support and services, and full inclusion in community

Florida Cont.

Policy Recommendations

- 1 Add a responsibility to DD network partners to reach out to people with developmental disabilities, including the unserved, underserved, inappropriately served and culturally and linguistically diverse populations to inform them of opportunities in self advocacy
 - Working with families, services organizations etc to reach them
- 2 Educate families about supporting self advocacy across the lifespan
- 3 Collaborate with Department of Education to require self-advocacy training as part of transition planning from the beginning and throughout the school years
 - Self-advocates take the lead in providing training to younger self-advocates
- 4 Collaborate with Administration on Aging to require self advocacy training as part of planning
 - Self-advocates take the lead in providing training to younger self-advocates
- 5 Through Agency for Children & Family (ACF), Department of Education and other appropriate agencies, promote self advocacy with young children to show that “it can be done” self-advocates as role models/mentors to young children
 - Self-advocates take the lead in providing training to younger self-advocates
- 6 Report back to self advocates after the Summit series concludes, including proposed next steps