



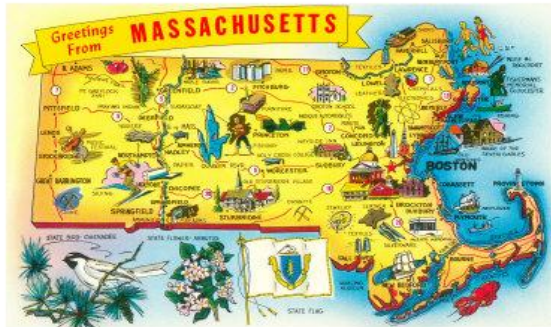
Self Advocacy in Massachusetts

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Massachusetts Recommendations for National Actions

1. ADD to work with federal agencies (Medicaid, Social Security Administration, etc.) and state network DD Partners to make available information on Medicaid, Social Security, Healthcare, Human Rights, and Civil Rights in an accessible and understandable format for self-advocates and support personnel.
2. Have ADD work with other federal agencies on transition issues (example, Department of Education, Post-Secondary Education Commission)

Massachusetts Recommendations for National Actions (continued)

3. Have ADD collect from Self Advocates of different ages information on their perspectives on transition and make this disseminate it nationally.
4. Communicate problems & difficulties that self-advocates are having with Medicaid, Social Security and housing to federal agencies.
5. Develop an interactive online resource for best practices related to self advocacy

Massachusetts National Policy Recommendations

1. Have ADD work with other federal agencies to remove the Social Security marriage penalty for people with disabilities
2. Have ADD work to promote flexibility in waiver development at State and National levels
3. Have ADD work with other federal agencies to remove disincentives to independence and productivity for self-advocates such as income restrictions in housing, healthcare, and employment.