

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



ALLIES IN SELF-ADVOCACY



Michigan Recommendations for National Actions

- Identify the common themes and gaps across the Summit events and follow-up
- Convene national conferences so self-advocates can learn from each other
- Bring mature and young self-advocates to discuss issues and ideas about what does and does not work to avoid backtracking/prior mistakes

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- Teach the history of the self-advocacy movement, build pride in what has been accomplished, & know our heros
- Establish (in collaboration with national self-advocacy leaders) expectations for self-advocacy: define it and create standards, good/best practice, and outcome measures
- Articulate some shared responsibility to support self-advocacy across the ADD network

Michigan National Policy Recommendations

- Promote self-determination...citizenship, employment, participation in community, community membership
- ADD needs to be part of the national discussion and communicate with federal agencies on issues such as health care, employment, graduation rates, social security specifically marriage, obesity, transportation, housing
- The paper on community living is a good model for partnership on a national issue