



# North Carolina



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1. Collaborate with Department of Education on funding scholarships for self-advocates to continue education beyond high school; provide technical assistance to colleges to apply for Dept. of Ed funding. Postsecondary education curriculums to include self-advocacy skills.

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2. Ensure states have road map for self-advocates to address issues to correct state agencies, follow up on federal level to collaborate with appropriate federal agencies to impact implementation.
3. Demonstrate commitment from ADD by employing self-advocate who has a specific charge to address self-advocacy topics within ADD, the DD Network, and in collaboration with other federal agencies.

# North Carolina Continued Policy Recommendations

1. Fund national technical assistance entity to support development of infrastructure required to develop independent self-advocacy organizations including training for advisors and support staff, grant writing, etc.
2. In any model chosen for TA or any other policy implemented, maintain non-interference and independence.

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3. Any funding for self-advocacy organizations must include allowing federal dollars to be used to educate policy-makers on issues impacting them.