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# Self-Advocacy in New York



# **New York Recommendations for National Actions**

1. Network with other federal partner agencies and highlight importance of self advocacy in every aspect of life for people with disabilities.
2. Communicate clear and consistent expectations in relation to self advocacy for the DD network partners.
3. Engage stakeholders on how to sustain the current service systems including other ways on how money should be spent differently – self advocate driven.
4. Focus on transition from school to adulthood. Ask national organizations to support local initiatives such as Project Search and include self advocates in that discussion.

# New York National Policy Recommendations

1. Advocate for an appeals process to the medicaid caps to ensure services and supports in inclusive settings and that advocacy efforts are lead by self advocates
2. Include self advocacy as part of all DD network partners' work
3. ADD ***FIND*** a funding stream for self advocacy (not necessarily government)