

**Vermont ...**

More dirt  
roads than  
paved roads!



# Vermont Recommendations for National Actions

1. Provide funding to support self-advocates running self-advocacy groups! The Commissioner can talk to other agencies that work with people with disabilities and suggest they do this as well (such as the Department of Education). Also, provide funding for both national and local self-advocacy organizations across the country, like SABE.
2. Commissioner needs to have a conversation and advocate for Voc. Rehab. to provide supports such as job coaches and identify more available jobs for people with disabilities (jobs that are a better fit for the person, not just the first job that Voc. Rehab finds available). Also, Voc. Rehab needs to support long- term employment (provide supports for as long as possible aka whenever the person needs the support!).
3. ADD should include the words “self-advocacy” in all materials created. Also, all ADD funded meetings should have a large percentage of self-advocates in attendance.

# Vermont National Policy Recommendations

1. Mandate (require) the UCEDDs and P&As to support self-advocacy organizations. (right now the DD Councils are the primary supporters largely due to their legal mandate from the DD Act)
2. Create and pass a national law to close ALL institutions.
3. Create and pass a national law to close ALL segregated workshops and end sub-minimum wages (everyone should get minimum wage or more, regardless of their disability status)