

# *Florida*



*What are some of the self-advocacy organizations that currently exist in your state? What are their major activities or functions?*

Name of Organization		Major Activities and Functions
TASC - Regional SAND -statewide 10 local self-advocate groups that are under SAND ARC OF Florida ADAPTFL		social, support and advocacy opportunities for members and others in the community, works with a variety of community partners
FDDC		Advocacy and disability related RFPs
Florida Center for Inclusive Communities	Disability Rights FL	Promotes advocacy and inclusivity for all DRF- Provides advocacy and legal services
Mailman Center		Research Clinical service Training for professionals Parental workshops Advocacy

# *What are the resources for the self-advocacy organizations?*

- *Disability-related businesses*
- *Florida Developmental Disabilities Council*
- *Florida Center for Inclusive Communities (University of South Florida)*
- *Mailman Center (University of Miami)*
- *TASC-The Arc of Florida*
- *Disability Rights Florida (AKA. Advocacy Center)*
- *ADAPT (FL) - American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today*

## *What has worked in your state for self-advocacy organizations?*

- *Support of the FDDC in starting and funding a grassroots self-advocacy movement*
- *The training of the Group leaders and Advisors of the grassroots self-advocacy project*
- *Listserv's*
- *Partnerships with other organizations, companies and groups*

# *What are some challenges or struggles that your state self-advocacy organizations have faced?*

- *Lack of sustainable funding*
- *Lack of transportation to meetings/gatherings*
- *Difficult to get folks to actively participate in activities of organization*
- *Lack of good communication between groups/members*



*What are you most proud of in regards to self-advocacy currently in your state?*

- Self-advocacy growing around the state
- The many self-advocate groups in the state
- The many laws that self-advocates have assisted in getting passed in our state



*What goals or dreams does your state have  
for self-advocacy?*

- *Cultural Competence (Awareness)*
- *Full inclusion of all people with DD*
- *Appropriately levels of support and service*
- *More self-advocates involved*
- *Equal access to employment, etc.*

# *Fabulous Florida Team*

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