

INDIANA







"Crossroads of America"



Indiana's Self-Advocate Groups and Activities

Self-Advocates of Indiana (SAI) and 40 Local Chapters



-  Advocacy
-  Statewide Meetings
-  Conference and Picnic
-  Regional Trainings

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Self-Advocates of Indiana (SAI) and 40 Local Chapters (continued)

-  Partnerships with Other Disability Groups
-  Website, Newsletter, Facebook






IN District Aktion Clubs with 23 Clubs

-  Three are SAI Chapters (with at least Three More SAI Chapters to Become Aktion Clubs)
-  Service Projects



What Are The Resources For The Self-Advocacy Organizations?

Name of SA Organization	Who Provides the Resource(s)?	What Resource(s) is Provided?
Self-Advocates of Indiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ IN Governor's Council ■ IN Protection & Advocacy Services ■ The Arc of IN ■ IN UCEDD ■ Local SAI Chapters and SAI Itself w/Fundraising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Funding ■ In-Kind Services ■ Staff Support
Aktion Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Local Kiwanis Clubs ■ IN District of Kiwanis (International) ■ Local Disability Agencies and Chapters of The Arc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Helpers ■ Funding ■ Meetings & Service Projects Assistance




What Has Worked For Self-Advocacy Organizations?

-  Outreach
-  Starting local groups
-  Brought national conference SABE – got local people involved
-  Collaboration and partnerships with other organizations
-  At least 10 years of basic organizational funding from the Governor's Council





What Has Worked For Self-Advocacy Organizations?

-  Successful quarterly statewide meetings that bring between 75 – 125 self-advocates to Indianapolis
-  Successful in changing the law regarding people first language and MRDD Commission to DD Commission





What Has Worked For Self-Advocacy Organizations?

-  Worked with others successfully to close all of Indiana's DD institutions
-  Bringing more than 100 advocates annually to the state house for Valentines lobbying event
-  Community projects






Challenges

-  Transportation
-  Funding – not enough
-  Size of state, getting more people to meetings & involved
-  Difficult to communicate with self-advocates – lack of email, lack of mailing/contact information, sometimes some agencies/helpers screen or not fully share communications






Challenges

-  Lack of belief in or true knowledge & understanding of self-advocacy and self-determination by self-advocates themselves
-  Lack of belief in self-advocacy/self-determination by (some) agencies, professionals, and even family members
-  Helpers not trained (often some want to and/or end up running the groups)
-  Leadership development – self-advocates lacking knowledge or confidence





What We Are Proud Of

-  Hosting the 2008 SABE Conference
-  20 years of being “in business”
-  The growth of self-advocacy movement, self-advocates themselves & number of local chapters
-  Relationships/partnerships with different groups including our Indiana Team Members as well as Special Olympics, Aktion Clubs/ Kiwanis
-  Closure of Indiana institutions

What We Are Proud Of

-  Publications including poster series, training and informational booklets
-  DVD
-  Representation on/with national and state groups
-  Operating effectively on a minimal budget with no paid staff
-  SAI Strategic Plan 2010

Goals

-  Self-Advocates of Indiana (SAI) is a strong and effective organization with chapters statewide
-  SAI supports and speaks for all self-advocates
-  SAI is a strong voice in advocating for public policies to protect and support services for self-advocates, including employment
-  SAI informs and educates Hoosiers about the rights and abilities of self-advocates

INDIANA'S TEAM

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Mark Kevitt	The Arc of IN and Self-Advocates of IN
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