



# North Carolina

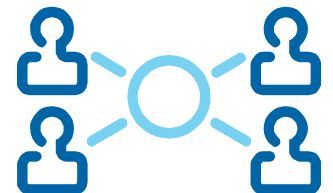


# Self-Advocacy Organizations in North Carolina

- ★ Association of Self Advocates in NC, (ASANC) –  
*statewide group run by and for people with DD who encourage and teach people to speak up for themselves, and to live their lives independently with full inclusion in society.*

Self-Advocates are part of other statewide groups led by people with disabilities:

- Advocacy in Action
- NC Disability Action Network (cross-disability)
- Disabled Young People's Collective (NC NYLN State Partner)



# NC Self-Advocacy Resources

Name of self- advocacy organization	Who provides the resource(s)?	What resource(s) is provided?
Association of Self-Advocates	NC Council on Developmental Disabilities	Staff salaries, transportation, travel, office space and supplies, technical assistance
NC Disability Action Network	NC Council on Developmental Disabilities & Disability Rights NC	Meeting space, conference lines, office printing, technical assistance
Disabled Young Peoples Collective (DYPC)	Governor Morehead School Alumni Association ; NC Council on Developmental Disabilities	Fiscal agent, office and meeting space

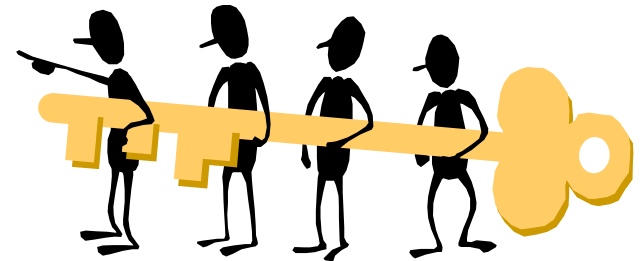
# What Has Worked in NC



- An Association for Self-Advocates independent of its funder; own office; funding for Executive Director and support staff
- Council on DD's Jeanie Wolfe-Rossi Participant Involvement Fund – assists self-advocates in going to conferences
- Peer mentors in post-secondary education initiatives
- Projects of National Significance have grown youth leadership (Youth 4 Advocacy; NYLN/DYPC)
- NC self-advocates' involvement in national movement (SABE, youth leaders, conferences, etc.)

# Self-Advocates' Success!

- ASANC- 21 years and 21 active groups statewide
- *PowerUp!* – HSRI's benchmarks/toolkit for developing excellence in self-advocacy groups (NC Council on DD funding)
- Self-Advocates are going to college: Beyond Academics at UNC-Greensboro and Western Carolina University TPSID
- Three ADD-funded Projects of National Significance with a focus on building self-advocacy
- People First Language statute passed
- DYPC legislation to require NC schools to teach disability history



# Challenges for Self-Advocates in NC



- Achieving financial independence
- Getting support that empowers v. controls
- Involving more self-advocates through communication and outreach



- Taking a stand on important issues
- Developing strong, next generation leaders
- Staying organized

# State Goals for Self-Advocacy

INFORM,  
CONNECT, AND  
INVOLVE



ALL self-advocates in  
taking a stand on  
important issues

# North Carolina Self-Advocacy Team

- Kelly Woodall Association of Self-Advocates NC
- Eric Chavis Association of Self-Advocates NC
- Rusty Bradstock NC Council on DD; Disability Rights NC; Arc/NC
- Ed Crissman Self-Advocate, Autism Society
- Ryan Pinion National Youth Leadership Network
- William Gadsden Self-Advocate, Beyond Academics, UNC-Greensboro
- Joan Johnson Beyond Academics, UNC-Greensboro
- Lalenja Harrington Beyond Academics, UNC-Greensboro
- Steve Jordan Div. of MH/DD/SAS, NC Dept. of Health & Human Services
- Vicki Smith Disability Rights NC (P&A)
- Holly Riddle NC Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Beth Stalvey NC Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Deborah Zuver Carolina Institute on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)