



People First

Is Utah's main self-advocacy organization
for people with DD

- ❖ Logan
- ❖ Brigham City
- ❖ Provo
- ❖ Clearfield (PARC)
- ❖ Ogden
- ❖ South Valley
- ❖ South Valley Alumni
- ❖ American Fork
- ❖ Salt Lake City
- ❖ Utah State Development Center
- ❖ Spanish Fork
- ❖ Richfield
- ❖ Tooele
- ❖ Cedar City
- ❖ St. George
- ❖ Montezuma Creek
- ❖ Monument Valley
- ❖ Blanding
- ❖ Moab
- ❖ Price
- ❖ Vernal
- ❖ Roosevelt

Before 2004...

- ❖ Before 2004, People First was mostly supported financially by DSPD (DD services).
- ❖ Support Coordinators were charged with being local group advisors and state DSPD staff supported the State People First Board to plan and hold statewide “quality of life conferences” from 1997 to 2005.

WHAT ARE THE RESOURCES FOR THE SELF-ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS?

| Name of self- advocacy organization | Who provides the resource(s)? | What resource(s) is provided? |
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| People First : local & state board | Utah Developmental Disabilities Council | Staff support and small budget for reimbursement for transportation, supplies, food |
| | As of 1/1/11 – Council awarded a contract to Family Advocacy that ties PF to the Grassroots Advocacy Partnership (GAP – cross disability advocacy group) that provides small stipends for Regional Organizers (RO) throughout the state. These RO will help recruit, train, and support local PF groups. | Goal of contract is to put together a non-profit that will be able to do fund raising and move toward self-sustainability. |



Utah People First History...

❖ **Local PF Groups were historically supported by case managers within the DD Services (State Employees) who now are private support coordinators. Some were willing to continue in advisor capacities and some were not.**

❖ **Council has funded special outreach to the Four Corner area of the state to provide resources for management and support of the 2 PF groups in the Navajo Nation.**

❖ **Council Staff supported a statewide PF leadership Board and held leadership trainings and supports. Council used PF State Board to produce voting video resources, tips for running meetings, and tips for advisors – available on Council website: www.utahddc.org**

❖ **Council budgets funds for Utah's elected Region 3 Representative to National SABE Board – for Travel and Staff Support**

❖ **Council hosted a Region 3 Retreat at the National Ability Center in Park City recently.**

❖ **Council has sponsored several statewide retreats for PF State Board members**

❖ Council has provided opportunities for PF members to present within and out of state at national meetings.

❖ Council has provided scholarships and support for PF members to attend the National SABLE Conferences since 2001

❖ Statewide conferences were supported by DD Services until 2005 – No Statewide self-advocacy conferences held since 2006

Biggest Challenges...

- ❖ Finding and keeping advisors, especially since support coordination has been privatized.
- ❖ DD Services experienced cuts in services resulting in less emphasis supporting the self-advocacy movement – Council was the fall-back.
- ❖ The Statewide ARC of Utah previously supported a PF group in Salt Lake City, but the ARC closed its doors in 2007



Self-Advocates as Leaders...

- ❖ **Many Individuals have become recognized as leaders throughout the State and country.**
- ❖ **Self-Advocates have been elected as chairpersons for the Utah DD Council starting with Bryon Murray (VP to Chair in 2006 - 07) and followed by Kelly Holt (2008 - 2010)**
- ❖ **Utah encourages attendance at National SABLE conferences and many self-advocate leaders have presented break-out sessions.**

What Goals or Dreams does Your State have for Self-Advocacy?



- ❖ **Revitalization of local PF groups that will become self-supporting and become a successful non-profit with many different funding sources – not just relying on DD Council support.**
- ❖ **Plan and hold Statewide and local Region Conferences.**
- ❖ **Push community living over funding institutional placements and have a respected voice in the system!**

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❖ **REAL JOBS, REAL WAGES**

❖ **Involve younger people**

❖ **Reach into transition age students and lower grades**

UTAH STATE TEAM MEMBERS

- ❖ **James O'Neill** – Park City PF leader / DD Council Member
- ❖ **Kelly Holt** – Price PF leader / former DD Council Chairperson / DLC Board Member/ CAC Committee at Utah State
- ❖ **Tom Brownlee** – President of Utah State Center for Persons with Disabilities Consumer Advisor Committee / PF Orem / DD Council Member / DLC Board Member
- ❖ **Eric Stoker** – Chair of South Valley Alumni PF / DD Council Member / Autism Council Member
- ❖ **Bryon Murray** – Region 3 SABE Board Member / former DD Council member and 1st Chair of Council with DD (2006)
- ❖ **Alan Ormsby** – Director of State DD Services (Division of Services for People with Disabilities) / DD Council Member
- ❖ **Andrew Riggie** – Disability Law Center staff / DD Council Member
- ❖ **Mandy Shale** – PF / GAP Contract Manager for the DD Council / private support coordinator
- ❖ **Brooke Wilson** – program manager for the PF / GAP contract
- ❖ **Claire Mantonya** – Council Executive Director / former statewide PF advisor