

NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

ATLANTA SUMMIT

Alabama

National Action #1: Setting up a center for support information training center with self advocates running it. These will include:

- a. professional development
- b. educator training
- c. less fragments including funding

National Action #2: National boards have a person with disabilities on it.

National Action #3: The Focus to be on the personalized employment meeting the needs of the individual; focus on the talent; not stuffing envelopes when you can work at NASA.

Policy Recommendation #1: Incentive to employ people with disabilities.

Policy Recommendation #2: Mandates the national DD network to have a joint plan/goal for self-advocacy for each year. This needs to be a recommendation from ADD: a priority with self-advocates in the conversation each year. States would let the national level know the plan and the federal plan will be informed by these state plans.

Policy Recommendation #3: Fund self advocacy directly in DD Act (4th leg).

Florida

National Action #1: Support the creation of a national self advocacy organization or network by working closely with state level organizations. Help them connect with each other and the states will build it. ADD should support:

- Summits
- National conference
- National conference calls and webinars
- Training for self-advocacy with self-advocates in the lead
 - Training on how to run national and state self-advocacy organizations
 - Train self-advocates to be their own advisors
 - Training for self-advocates on how to write grants
- Training for advisors on their roles

National Action #2: Maintain mandate on DD Councils to support self-advocacy.

- Support a state self-advocacy organization
- Self advocates training other self advocates in leadership

National Action #3: (Modify third clause in DD Act): Self advocates having meaningful participation in coalitions, in the design of support and services, and full inclusion in community.

Policy Recommendation #1: Add a responsibility to DD network partners to reach out to people with developmental disabilities, including the unserved, underserved, inappropriately served and culturally and linguistically diverse populations to inform them of opportunities in self advocacy.

- Working with families, service organizations, etc. to reach them.

Policy Recommendation #2: Educate families about supporting self advocacy across the lifespan.

Policy Recommendation #3: Collaborate with Department of Education to require self advocacy as part of transition planning from the beginning and throughout the school years.

- Self-advocates should take the lead in providing training to younger self-advocates.

Policy Recommendation #4: Collaborate with Administration on Aging to require self advocacy training as part of planning.

- Self-advocates should take the lead in providing training to younger self-advocates.

Policy Recommendation #5: Through Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Education and other appropriate agencies, promote self-advocacy with young children to show that "it can be done"...self-advocates as role models/mentors to young children.

- Self-advocates should take the lead in providing training to younger self-advocates.

Policy Recommendation #6: Report back to self-advocates after the summit series concludes, including proposed next steps.

Georgia

National Action #1: Fund Self Advocates directly to provide training & mentorship to other Self Advocates

National Action #2: Fund Self Advocates directly

National Action #3: Fund Self Advocates to do voter outreach to other people with disabilities

National Action #4: Fund Self Advocates to learn how to do legislative advocacy to close sheltered workshops

Policy Recommendation #1: Create a national training to build leadership positions of people with disabilities in the DD networks

Policy Recommendation #2: Create a mandate that 50% of DD network employees are people with disabilities

Policy Recommendation #3: ADD should work with the department of Labor to end segregated employment & sub minimum wage for people with disabilities

Mississippi

National Action and Policy Recommendation #1: Include more stories in reports instead of just numbers (more qualitative data).

National Action and Policy Recommendation #2: Include more youth on DD Councils (under 28).

National Action and Policy Recommendation #3: Define guidance and technical assistance to DD Network partners on promoting SA.

National Action and Policy Recommendation #4: Provide technical assistance to ensure projects are self advocacy driven.

National Action and Policy Recommendation #5: Prioritize Self-Advocacy within DD Network.

National Action and Policy Recommendation #6: Encourage more collaboration among disability groups.

North Carolina

National Action #1: Collaborate with Department of Education on funding scholarships for self-advocates to continue education beyond high school; provide technical assistance for common expectations for including self-advocacy skills in high school and post-secondary education curriculums.

National Action #2: Ensure states have road map for self-advocates to address issues to correct state agencies, follow up on federal level to collaborate with appropriate federal agencies to impact implementation.

National Action #3: Demonstrate commitment from ADD by employing self-advocate who has a specific charge to address self-advocacy topics within ADD, the DD Network, and in collaboration with other federal agencies.

Policy Recommendation #1: Fund national technical assistance entity to support development of infrastructure required to develop independent self-advocacy organizations including training for advisors and support staff, grant writing, etc.

Policy Recommendation #2: In any model chosen for TA or any other policy implemented, maintain non-interference and independence.

Policy Recommendation #3: Any funding for self-advocacy organizations must include allowing federal dollars to be used to educate policy-makers on issues impacting them.

Tennessee

National Action #1: Develop National Self-Advocate Resource Center.

National Action #2: Continue regional Self-Advocacy Summit meetings.

National Action #3: Emphasizing the importance of the self-advocacy voice to the DD networks.

Policy Recommendation #1: Don't let the DD Act get watered down.

Policy Recommendation #2: Mandate the UCEDDs and PNA to support self-advocacy movement.

Policy Recommendation #3: ADD to implement and model best practices with regard to supporting self advocates and self advocacy activities.

LOS ANGELES SUMMIT

Arizona

National Action #1: Provide TA to develop relationships (nontraditional) /partnerships to sustain movement.

National Action #2: Help states (us) spread word that people are not bound by state's narrow definition of DD.

National Action #3: Make the PAVA dollars more flexible in support of self-advocacy (P&As will help).

Policy Recommendation #1: Divert ADD funds to directly fund self-advocacy as fourth prong of DD network.

Policy Recommendation #2: Tie federal transportation dollars to expand state definitions of DD to reflect federation definition.

Policy Recommendation #3: Fund federal self-advocate coordinator(s) to work with state self-advocate coordinator(s) (permanently employed by DDCs) to establish how self-advocacy will be established.

California

National Action #1: ADD can develop a task force for self-advocates to guide its work; including but not limited to, keeping the momentum of self-advocates of progress after the summits to address the needs of under-represented groups.

National Action #2: Throughout all ADD's activities, initiatives, etc, ADD's leadership will promote & embed youth, rural/urban, people of color, LGBT.

National Action #3: ADD be more active in Public Awareness campaigns "use of multiple media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, You-Tube) to address the discrimination and stigma by people with developmental disabilities especially when hot topics are in the news.

Policy Recommendation #1: Add “Dignity and Respect” to DD Act which will then require ADD to recommend implementation of Olmstead decision work with DOJ to close institutions, CMS to increase funds for community services and add self-advocacy as a waiver service, SSA to repeal the marriage penalty etc.

Policy Recommendation #2: Set standards for ADD grantees to ensure the inclusion of paid self-advocates in shaping policies which impact people with DD for example sustainable employment, post-secondary education, de-institutionalization, addressing disparities in accessing services for people with DD from underrepresented groups.

Policy Recommendation #3: ADD will charge the state DD network to provide technical assistance and core funding to support development of state coalitions; sustain self-advocacy groups, leadership training youth development towards the sustainability of infrastructure in states for self-advocacy.

Nevada

National Action #1: Conduct more webinars for the states on self-advocacy; what’s going on in Washington and the other states (e.g., SELN).

National Action #2: Develop strategies for state-to-state technical assistance.

National Action #3: Monthly video message from the Commissioner on ADD website to self-advocates, including updates.

National Action #4: Supporting people in their own life choices.

Policy Recommendation #1: Expand the role of network partners in supporting statewide self-advocacy.

Policy Recommendation #2: Work with the US Department of Education to make it easier to introduce self-advocacy to youth.

Policy Recommendation #3: Educate federal policymakers by conducting more presentations about policies related to disabilities.

New Mexico

National Action #1: Provide ways for state advocacy groups to learn what other states are doing by developing an internet portal.

National Action #2: Provide webinars or video conference on self advocacy with Q&A and state sharing.

National Action #3: More information and public education and marketing of the DD Act of 2000 and its provisions including stories on how self advocacy has improved lives of people with disabilities.

National Action #4: Develop a data collection system, that could be used by self advocacy organizations and provide technical assistance and training on outcome measures and data collection.

National Action #5: Have ADD strongly encourage P+A's, Councils and UCEDDs to devote part of their websites to self-advocacy efforts.

National Action #6: Use social media (ie: facebook, myspace, twitter, radio, youtube ect.) and PSA's to promote self-advocacy.

National Action #7: Develop a national e-magazine or e-newsletter on self advocacy with state stories and input.

Policy Recommendation #1: Eliminate the SSI federal benefits marriage penalty.

Policy Recommendation #2: Eliminate employment penalties and raise the SSI resource limits so that people with disabilities could work and maintain their benefits.

Policy Recommendation #3: Support expanded and enhanced transition activities for youth with disabilities to include self-advocacy. (TEAM Act)

Policy Recommendation #4: Promote Disability History and Rights inclusion in public school curriculum.

Policy Recommendation #5: Require additional training on the needs of students with visible and invisible disabilities for general educators, including benefits of universal designs.

Oregon

National Action #1: Support youth to learn about self-advocacy at a younger age (start in 4th grade) and their families and peers.

National Action #2: Develop a library of resources online for self-advocacy such as a Clearinghouse.

National Action #3: A group of self-advocates from across the county meet regularly with commissioner to share ideas.

Policy Recommendation #1: Federal change in Social Security Regulations to allow working self-advocates to have retirement accounts and that the other benefits of self-advocates are not cut (such as food stamps, housing, etc.).

Policy Recommendation #2: Have specific training about how to be a self-advocate as part of IEP/ transition plan.

Policy Recommendation #3: Get rid of the marriage penalty.

Utah

National Action #1: Training of new self advocates.

National Action #2: Training of advisors.

National Action #3: Teaching parents and siblings when to let go and about self-advocacy.

Policy Recommendation #1: All DD service agencies must have self advocates advisory board.

Policy Recommendation #2: End institutional bias=Require waiver to go into nursing home. (Money follows the person).

Policy Recommendation #3: Educating congress about people with disabilities.

KANSAS CITY SUMMIT

Arkansas

National Action #1: Support a mock congressional legislative session to provide training about how to influence state policy.

National Action #2: Sponsor one activity per year to bring together state stakeholder teams with double attendance and double the number of states.

National Action #3: Develop a universal measurement tool to assess how states are doing in the area of self-advocacy.

National Action #4: Language in the DD Act: specifically the 3 sister agencies will give funding to further the efforts of self-advocacy in their states.

Policy Recommendation #1: ADD will set the expectation within federal agencies to omit negative terminology (ex: no longer using the "R" word, "handicapped" as in "handicapped parking").

Kansas
National Action #1: DD network partners be brought together for technical assistance and conversations around self-advocacy (not all separate efforts). Focused effort from P&As to provide TA around targeted SA issues.
National Action #2: UCEDDS help with expertise of determining measureable outcomes. This is essential for funding purposes. Also, assist states with being more data-driven (collecting information throughout the year).
National Action #3: Defining and setting national standards for outcomes advisors, quality supports DD organizations around SA – what are the outcomes of SA?
Policy Recommendation #1: Work with other non-DD specific federal organizations to create policy & practice around transition from school. Also emphasize post-secondary opportunities as a funding priority.
Policy Recommendation #2: Make employment first a national policy.
Policy Recommendation #3: Reduce the amount of time to get through SSI
Minnesota
National Action #1: Regional Self-Advocacy Meetings.
National Action #2: Self-Advocacy as” Funded 4th Leg of Stool”.
National Action #3: Help Self-Advocacy Movement Get Money from Council, UCEDD, and P & A.
Policy Recommendation #1: Self-Advocacy funding to be written into Medicaid Initiatives and Health Care Legislation.

Policy Recommendation #2: Involve Self-Advocates in policy maker education in DC (especially when the bill involves people with disabilities).

Policy Recommendation #3: Re-brand Self-Advocacy nationally.

Missouri

National Action #1: ADD could work with other federal agencies and general public to listen to individuals with developmental disabilities and address public perceptions.

- ADD can change perceptions by their own hiring practices and put individuals with developmental disabilities in leadership positions.
- Volunteer work – options to workshops are volunteerism because they put you in the community. Allow you to be a valuable member of the community.
- Get individuals with developmental disabilities involved in issues that affect everyone, not just individuals with developmental disabilities. Get our voices heard on larger issues – women’s rights, civil rights, employment, etc.

National Action #2: Support Advisor training. ADD can support advisor training through technical assistance, host statewide training.

National Action #3: Create dialogue with business community about how to increase employment/choice for individuals with developmental disabilities.

- Hold national conference/initiative or set up task force to address funding issues.
- Businesses have a social responsibility.
- ADD facilitates the inclusion of different funding sources (Federal and State) - Vocational Rehab, Senate Bill 40s, Governor’s Association, DOE, SAMSA, etc. ADD takes the responsibility of facilitating this initiative.
- Tie into AFP.
- Bring it to the President and ask him to weigh-in
- Promoting choice!
- Help people reach their dreams.
- Sub-minimum wage (214C of the Rehab Act)

National Action #4: ADD identify and share curriculum on self-advocacy and training across states.

- Connect to National Self-Determination resources.
- Connect to SABE resource collection.
- Connect to TA Centers that already exist.

National Action #5: National funding matrix associated with how S-A organizations are being funded. See nationally how much money we are talking about. Nationally and state – see all the pieces w/ all the funding.

- P: Provide for some flexibility in funding – percentage of funds that we can earmark for S-A. Right now there has to be a project, and then the project is funded. ADD establish that with this percentage of funds there is an unconditional piece. Management of dollars.

National Action #6: Measure outcomes and impact of self-advocacy.

Policy Recommendation #1: ADD change grant requirements

“We have a goal that the next Reauthorization of the DD Act will include a dedicated stream of funding for self advocacy. A goal that this Act will provide not only funding but also the recognition and acceptance that will enable self advocates to be equal and respected partners in shaping the decisions and events that will be our future.”

Oklahoma

National Action #1: Work across agencies. Work with other federal agencies to address barriers to community living ((Transportation/Department of Transportation (DOT), Benefits & Employment/SSA, R-word & language/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) & 14C (Department of Labor (DOL)).

National Action #2: Include self-advocacy as leg in reauthorization of DD Act, until reauthorization include in a more meaningful way – Projects of National Significance (PNS).

National Action #3: Work across agencies to improve language accessibility (including cognitive accessibility) of policies & resources and in a location/organized where they can be easily retrieved. Assure that policy recommendations are implemented.

Policy Recommendation #1: Ensure that the R-word is out across systems – keep us informed of implementation of Rosa’s Law.

Policy Recommendation #2: All policies should be cognitively accessible and easy to find/organized.

Policy Recommendation #3: Develop a policy that includes self-advocacy (organization) across all DD Network partners’ national (TA) conferences annually.

South Dakota

National Action #1: Use TA providers (AUCD, NDRN, NACDD) to develop a resource bank of ideas for collaboration between state DD network and DD state agency to make sure the SA’s voice is being reflected in the funding/budgeting decisions for DD services.

National Action #2: See the Dept. of Ed. be pushed a little to support earlier involvement of SA in schools, before the end of post-secondary transition. This includes inviting other entities into the school to be involved in transition planning and education, resources, etc.. Train SAs at a younger age about disabilities and possibilities.

National Action #3: Create a “project search” type program/model for people with DD who have completed post-secondary education / training and have trouble finding jobs.

Policy Recommendation #1: In the next reauthorization of the DD act require that self-advocates review and provide input on waiver for services. Work on this with CMS since they control the money. Get the SA voice even before this, include SA in development of state waivers. “A first thought, not an afterthought”.

Policy Recommendation #2: To have an employment first policy in the next reauthorization of the DD Act. In next authorization, have the DD Act require all of DD network to support SA, not just DD councils.

Policy Recommendation #3: Work toward requiring universal design and accessibility in all government information, so self advocates can understand.

COLUMBUS SUMMIT

Indiana

National Action #1: Transportation- best practices, ADD draw attention to lack of transportation, build partnership with Dept of Transportation.

National Action #2: Educate doctors- have self advocates educate doctors.

National Action #3: ADD speaking about programs that are available- facebook, newsletters, phone calls.

Policy Recommendation #1: DD Act having a 4th leg.

Policy Recommendation #2: Require doctors to have more training.

Policy Recommendation #3: ABLE bill.

Michigan

National Action #1: Identify the common themes and gaps across the Summit events and follow-up

National Action #2: Convene national conferences so self-advocates can learn from each other

National Action #3: Bring mature and young self-advocates to discuss issues and ideas about what does and does not work to avoid backtracking/prior mistakes

National Action #4: Teach the history of the self advocacy movement. Build pride in what has been achieved. Know our heroes.

National Action #5: Establish (in collaboration with self-advocacy leaders) expectations for self advocacy. Define self advocacy; create standards; good/best practices; outcome measures.

National Action #6: Articulate some shared responsibility to support self advocacy across the ADD network.

Policy Recommendation #1: Promote self-determination...citizenship, employment, participation in community, community membership

Policy Recommendation #2: ADD needs to be part of the national discussion and communicate with federal agencies on issues such as health care, employment, graduation rates, social security specifically marriage, obesity, transportation, housing

Policy Recommendation #3: The paper on community living is a good model for partnership on a national issue

Ohio

National Action #1: Plain language that supports DD partner collaboration to address a specific issue brought to them by self advocates that could include 1) DD partners create a toolkit for self-advocates to be part of individual plans and 2) Create e-database for self-advocates for legal and other DD resources and national self-advocacy organizations—house toolkits to be a “one stop shop”.

National Action #2: Self-advocates should be at all tables. ADD should financially provide support for transportation assistance, technology, and e-meetings so everyone who wants to participate can and that self-advocates should be paid a fair wage and not expected to volunteer.

National Action #3: Create an advisory committee of self-advocates to advise UCEDDs on their research.

Policy Recommendation #1: Require that ADD advocates w/ CMS to have self advocates at the table when changes to healthcare coverage are being made.

Policy Recommendation #2: ADD should sponsor self-advocacy conferences where federal policy makers come to explain the laws that they are in charge of and listen to self-advocates share their stories and concerns about how cuts and changes affect their lives.

Policy Recommendation #3: ADD would advocate with Congress that self-advocates would become the 4th prong or the 4th branch of the DD network.

Pennsylvania

National Action #1: Fund self advocacy to collaborate/coordinate/communicate between all self advocacy groups.

National Action #2: Fund report on transition (similar to Keeping the Promise).

National Action #3: Continue to support and strengthen SA orgs that already exist.

National Action #4: Develop a formalized way in which to share all the info that comes out of state offices.

Policy Recommendation #1: Require UCEDDS and P&As to include a SA component.

Policy Recommendation #2: Emphasize SA in the DD Act so that it doesn't get lost or forgotten (assure that people with most sig disabilities are included in all SA activities).

Policy Recommendation #3: Amend the DD Act to emphasize the primary role of PWDs in directing their own lives and being empowered.

Virginia

National Action #1: Work with CMS to support increased person-centered practices, community support, and individualized budgeting.

National Action #2: Work with SAMHSA, RSA, Dept. of Labor/ODEP, etc. to identify what each [of these organizations] are doing to promote best practices for PWD (Persons With Disability).

National Action #3: Develop promotional/public relations statement that supports involvement in self-advocacy across different groups.

National Action #4: Fund study on how funds attached to SSI (Supplemental Security Income)/SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) impact people with disabilities.

National Action #5: Annual proclamation of Disability Awareness Month, to include history of disability movement.

National Action #6: PNS (Projects of National Significance) funds to establish “Beyond Tokenism” project nationally (for example, as has been done in Pennsylvania).

National Action #7: Target (more) funding toward communities of color, in poverty, in rural areas, that are culturally/linguistically marginalized (e.g., immigrants whose first language is not English).

Policy Recommendation #1: Work with CMS to infuse/combine ADD policies into CMS policies and guidance.

Policy Recommendation #2: Prior to reauthorization of DD Act:
Explore definition of Disability (vs. DD/Developmental Disability) to determine whether focus should be on DD or D
Re-evaluate functional limitations and age of onset criteria for eligibility, to promote inclusion of all individuals with disabilities, through formal discussions and public input from self-advocacy groups
Overall: What benefits people with DD, benefits all.

Policy Recommendation #3: Work with SSA (Social Security Administration) and other departments of government (e.g., DOE/Department of Education) to allow people with disabilities to save money/funds but still maintain benefits

that they receive.

Policy Recommendation #4: Work with DOE (Department of Education) to infuse ADD policies for educational guidance, with the goal of starting self-advocacy activities in early elementary school/at a younger age.

Policy Recommendation #5: Reauthorization of DD Act to include self-advocacy title (arm/branch).

Policy Recommendation #6: OVERALL THEME FROM VIRGINIA: AWARENESS!

Wisconsin

National Action #1: Encourage state government to involve SAs in public policy making.

National Action #2: Help connect SA individuals and organizations using technology (Facebook, etc), including making ADD website more user friendly.

National Action #3: Increase awareness of ADD (state/fed levels) as an influential agency.

Policy Recommendation #1: Give SA a 'line' in DD Act at same level as other Network Partners.

Policy Recommendation #2: Require DD Act Partners to work on joint SA goal(s) and commit to goals through their planning processes/reports (and include extension universities).

Policy Recommendation #3: UCEDDs, P&As, DDCs requirement to have staff dedicated to SA.

PROVIDENCE SUMMIT

Maine

National Action #1: Work with other federal agencies on accessibility/accommodation to include all types of needs at all levels of the administration during policy discussions (explore all options) eg. Cognitively accessible, online).

National Action #2: TA support SA efforts at the state level (e.g. to follow up to this summit).

National Action #3: Model inclusion of all disability groups.

Policy Recommendation #1: Department of Education should be responsible for special ed advocacy related to IDEA (ADD is currently funding.

Policy Recommendation #2: Promote full inclusion in legislation.

Policy Recommendation #3: Require transition planning to include Human Services, correction, labor etc.

Massachusetts

National Action #1: ADD to work with federal agencies (Medicaid, Social Security Administration, etc.) and state network DD Partners to make available information on Medicaid, Social Security, Healthcare, Human Rights, and Civil Rights in an accessible and understandable format for self-advocates and support personnel.

National Action #2: Have ADD work with other federal agencies on transition issues (example, Department of Education, Post-Secondary Education Commission).

National Action #3: Have ADD collect from Self Advocates of different ages information on their perspectives on transition and make this disseminate it nationally.

National Action #4: Communicate problems & difficulties that self-advocates are having with Medicaid, Social Security and housing to federal agencies.

National Action #5: Develop an interactive online resource for best practices related to self advocacy.

Policy Recommendation #1: Have ADD work with other federal agencies to remove the Social Security marriage penalty for people with disabilities.

Policy Recommendation #2: Have ADD work to promote flexibility in waiver development at State and National levels.

Policy Recommendation #3: Have ADD work with other federal agencies to remove disincentives to independence and productivity for self-advocates such as income restrictions in housing, healthcare, and employment.

New Jersey

National Action and Policy Recommendation #1: Create a Centralized State/Nationalized Group to make sure voices are heard. A hub for all of the self-advocacy groups to come together and share thoughts, ideas, and information. Have a website centralized website on federal policies.

National Action and Policy Recommendation #2: Use PNS funds to support a national public awareness campaign (similar to Autism Speaks). It could be called "People First"-We are people, not our labels, we want universal design, supports so that we can live independently. Discussing who we are, what we want ("I am, I can").

National Action and Policy Recommendation #3: A National TV show/campaign to make public services announcements or commercials to raise awareness for self-advocates, talk about issues.

National Action and Policy Recommendation #4: Support state self-advocacy groups to become non-profit organizations.

National Action and Policy Recommendation #5: Use Projects of National Significance (PNS) funds to support "An Institution is Not A Home" campaign.

National Action and Policy Recommendation #6: Hold ongoing summits on self-advocacy to hear voices, share ideas, and promote collaboration within states and with other states.

New York

National Action #1: Network with other federal partner agencies and highlight importance of self advocacy in every aspect of life for people with disabilities.

National Action #2: Communicate clear and consistent expectations in relation to self advocacy for the DD network partners.

National Action #3: Engage stakeholders on how to sustain the current service systems including other ways on how money should be spent differently – self advocate driven.

National Action #4: Focus on transition from school to adulthood. Ask national organizations to support local initiatives such as Project Search and include self advocates in that discussion.

Policy Recommendation #1: Advocate for an appeals process to the Medicaid caps to ensure services and supports in inclusive settings and that advocacy efforts are lead by self advocates.

Policy Recommendation #2: Include self advocacy as part of all DD network partners' work.

Policy Recommendation #3: ADD FIND a funding stream for self advocacy (not necessarily government).

Rhode Island

National Action #1: Self-advocacy needs to grow – influence the resources that grow the self-advocacy movement.

National Action #2: Support and require that everything is easy, accessible, and understandable for everyone.

National Action #3: ADD get our recommendations to Secretary Sebelius, the President, the White House, Disability Office, DD Network, Congress, Department of Education, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Social

Security, private national associations.

Policy Recommendation #1: ADD should look at regulations and revise them to fit self-advocacy in. ADD can interpret the DD Act and clarify and update to promote the self-advocacy movement.

Vermont

National Action #1: Provide funding to support self-advocates running self-advocates groups. The commissioner can talk to other agencies that work with people with disabilities and suggest they do this as well (such as the Dept. of Education). Also, provide funding for both national and local self-advocacy organizations across the country, like SABE.

National Action #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 (provides supports for as long as possible aka whenever the person needs the support!).

National Action #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.

Policy Recommendation #1: Mandate (require) the UCEDDs and P&As to support self-advocacy organizations. [rith now the DD Councils are the primary supporters largely due to their legal mandate from the DD Act]

Policy Recommendation #2: Create and pass a national law to close ALL institutions.

Policy Recommendation #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).