

Desired Characteristics for Family and Self-advocate Advisors



Family and Self-Advocate Involvement

- The ability to articulate their family/self-advocate experience as content to various audiences
- The ability to generalize: articulate their personal experience related to the experience of their peers
- The ability to build a constituency; “If it is true of me, is it true of others, who are the others, how might I represent them?”
- The ability to utilize current literature re: family systems theory, family supportive behavior, self-determination
- The ability to access family and self-advocate generated literature and resources
- The ability to understand and articulate the “life span” issues of family members and self-advocates
- The ability to understand and articulate cultural considerations for families and self-advocates
- The ability to facilitate meetings/focus groups in a variety of settings