Self-Advocates Make A Difference

The Importance of Post Secondary Education
What we’re talking about today

The Importance of Post Secondary Education

1. Building a movement
2. Tools you can use
3. Self advocates as leader of change
4. Sharing stories of success
5. Open discussion
Inclusion vs. Engagement

A seat at the table

Setting the agenda

Dan Fisher, Andy Imparato, Ari Ne'eman, Marty Ford, Suellen Galbraith, Bob Williams, Kelly Buckland, and Mike Oxford outside the White House after meeting with Health Reform Staff. (Photo By: Dan Fisher)
What does advocacy look like?
Do you know who you know?
The power of the open door
How Advocating in the Community Makes a Difference

- Creating An Inclusive Community to lead to Successful Post-Secondary Education Opportunities
- Developing partnerships
- The Importance of a Local Champion
- Visibility
- Volunteer
You can’t learn self determination until you realize there are opportunities…

Changing Mindset of Educators, Parents & Students

Learning Self Determination from a young age affects Post-Secondary Choices

Teaching people how to Make Choices
Cleo

- Engaging Local Business
  - Walgreens
  - Home Depot
  - Wal-Mart
- Children At Play Museum
- Special Olympics
  - Global Messenger
  - Be an Athlete. Be a Coach. Be a Fan.
Laura

- Partnership & Active Roles in the Arts
  - Theatre
  - Councils
  - Church Choirs
  - Dance Groups

- Environmental Groups
  - Roanoke Island Aquarium
  - Nature Conservancy
Missouri

- **Places to Educate the Community**
  - Civic Groups Such as:
    - Rotary
    - Knights of Columbus
    - Kiwanis
    - Lions Club
  - Boys and Girls Clubs
  - Law Enforcement
  - Fire Department
  - Medical Community

- **Having Representation on Local and State Boards**
  - Local LME
  - Department of Transportation
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Housing Councils
Kermit

• Self Advocates Becoming Trainers For:
  • Educators
  • Employers
  • People with Disabilities
  • Staff who work with people with Disabilities
  • Children’s Museum

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