

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



**Self-advocacy Summit
Honolulu, Hawaii
March 2012**

What? What do we want to happen? **Before we start working on our plan**

Step 1: Collaborate with Guam about various components of the CNMI plan

Step 2: CNMI BOLD group will meet back home to review plans and identify next steps by end of April.

What is our goal #1

Form additional self advocacy groups (in CNMI)

<u>How?</u> What needs to happen? Next steps: resources, supports, overcome barriers	<u>Who?</u> Who will do this? Partners Individuals	<u>When?</u> Timeline
Plan and call a meeting of self advocates to identify other self advocates who would want to form a self-advocacy group. This group will help plan summer camp in Goal 2.	Self advocates will develop an invitation letter with support from the DD Council who will work together to organize the meeting. Invite stakeholders, coalition, self-advocates and Guam	May or June 2012

#1 goal continued....

<p>Get self advocates together. Self advocates to take the lead, in starting a self advocacy organization with support of the DD partners and coalition members and in collaboration with Guam team.</p>	<p>a. Ask current self advocates to identify other self advocates who would want to participate.</p> <p>b. Have self advocates speak at high schools about self advocacy and about joining a self advocacy group.</p>	<p>June 2012</p>
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#1 goal final steps....

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send out information about the meeting to provide information and awareness - purpose will be to form group and to help develop the new Summer Camp.• The meeting will be fun and include items to give away at the event.• Use Larrisa's poem when possible - to describe what self advocacy is about. Encourage others to be strong.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Vince to make a flyerb. Talks at school about self-determination, the meeting and the summer camp by self-advocatesc. Have self advocates give radio and TV spots about self advocacy and upcoming meeting and camp.d. Hold meeting	April 2012 through June 2012
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What? What do we want to happen? **What is our #2 goal?**

Develop a Summer Camp for self advocates: one on each of the three islands of CNMI –

<u>How?</u> What needs to happen?	<u>Who?</u> Who will do this?	<u>When?</u> Timeline
Identify an accessible location – one on each island	Coalition lead by three team captains will work with non-profits and stakeholders to identify camp location.	To be determined
Meeting with <u>all</u> interested stakeholders .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team captains – one from each island. Develop a coalition with representatives- Saipan - OAS – Office of Autism Society: will take the lead to coordinate the meetings. Tinian Coalition organization and Rota Coalition will take the lead on their island. Consideration for stakeholders, CIL group, Non-profit groups, faith based organizations,	May 2012

#2 goal continued....

Marketing Plan: To prepare public for the event so they will be willing to participate/volunteer. Explain why it is important. Do a press release inviting people to attend.	Form joint committee – ADD Summit group, religious groups (explore participation), non-profits	
Funding	DD Council - committed Will solicit funding from Non-profits. Will include in budget plan for summer 2013.	Need to put in budgets for FY 2013. Need to have completed before May 1, 2013
Personnel/staffing for the camp.	DD Council, non-profit s, volunteers	Summer 2013

What? What do we want to happen? **What is our #3 goal?**

Make CNMI more ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) friendly

<u>How?</u> What needs to happen?	<u>Who?</u> Who will do this?	<u>When?</u> Timeline
<p>Encourage self advocates to raise accessibility issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Educate self advocates about their rights2. Educate the community about self advocates accessibility needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P&A• DD Council – self advocacy seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Autism Awareness Month – April 2012• Self Advocate meetings and summer camps throughout 2012/2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build advocacy for increased/improved accessibility of businesses, school and government buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coalition with self-advocates	September 2012

#3 goal continued....

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase monitoring and enforcement of regulations.• Identify financing incentives for the businesses retrofit old structure to be accessible so that they are compliant with PL 1765 and ADA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Propose legislation – no one identified to take the lead, need more information	
<p>Public awareness – Publicity Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information about the new Public Laws.• Work with Chamber of Commerce and get them involved. Inform them about the benefits of having accessible businesses and work environments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awareness activity during the awareness months throughout year. DD Council to work with network partners to develop a training.• State Special Education• Publically announce the businesses that are and aren't accessible. Rate accessibility of business.	