

CO (Vicky) #1 National Recommendation:

Require DD networks to work together on a plan to strengthen self-advocacy (State-Level Capacity Building)

Key Points (summary):

- AIDD should require DD network cooperation as a component of the plan for funding
- Assure implementation and outcomes by monitoring
- AIDD should share ideas with states- what is working in other states

(Jesús) #2 National Recommendation:

Start a national resource center run by self-advocates to assist local and state self-advocacy organizations

Key Points (summary):

- Coordinated effort on processing issues for self-advocates/organizations
- Could be virtual center that provides a “tool kit” to assist self advocating organizations to build capacity.

#2 National Recommendation (Continued):

-Provide technical assistance on policy direction

1. How do we get rid of the “R-word”/ “D-word”?
2. How do we motivate people to speak out/speak up?
3. How do we partner with other organizations? How do we build and sustain partnerships?
4. How do we access grant funding? How do we write grants?

(Tom) #3 National Recommendation: Raise participation of self-advocates in DD network and grantees' projects.

Key Points (summary):

- Have self-advocates on panels that review grant proposals
 - Provide payment and appropriate services to self-advocates on panels
- Provide “points” towards grants that include self-advocates in development of proposals
- Continue to have representative employment and board members in national and local organizations

(Ed) #4 National Recommendation: National cooperation for self-advocacy across all disabilities

Key Points (summary):

- Access existing spaces and conferences
- Educate self-advocates about different needs, groups and cultures
- Self-advocates helping other self-advocates as experts on the issues
- Self advocates are always right!**