

Louisiana



#1 National Recommendation:

ADD provide small amount of money to states to support development of self-advocacy organizations' infrastructure, with the goal of having independent self-advocacy organizations who can receive direct funding

- Provide technical assistance to SA organizations to meet criteria needed to receive federal funding directly.
 - Steps to determining how to become a legal entity.
 - Developing by-laws for 501(c)3 and business plan.
 - Create a Board of directors: Including the necessary board members to get the proper assistance (legal, accounting), and making them **non-voting members** so that the self-advocates are the ones voting.
- Technical assistance would be provided these ways:
 - Phone
 - Web assistance
 - E-mail.
 - In-person trainings.
 - Provide templates and examples in order to assist the new organizations to become independent.

#2 National Recommendation:

Key Points (summary):

- Raise expectations for DD network and grants by including self advocates, such as, promoting inclusion of self-advocates with significant disabilities, self advocates from underrepresented communities and your self advocates.
 - Underrepresented Categories: significant communication and behavioral challenges, ethnically diverse, racially diverse, LGBTQIQ, youth, autism, low incidence disabilities.
 - Grantees getting \$\$ from AIDD must prove inclusion of people with disabilities.
 - Forces groups to look at their membership and reach out, and recognizes the importance of including the expertise of these groups.
- These communities will be included in these ways:
- Individuals with disabilities will be part of:
 - Developing application
 - Planning, implementing and evaluating programs.
 - Self advocates being paid for their work on implementing programs.
 - Participating on Boards and advisories