



South Carolina



Answer the questions:

What are some of the self-advocacy organizations that currently exist in your state? What are their major activities or functions?

- IMPACT SC – Activities based on strategic plan-currently transportation and increasing awareness are the major goals
- Many Local/Regional self-advocacy groups – varies by community/group
- South Carolina Independent Living Council – Regional organizations (DRC, DAC, Walton Options - young adult/youth leadership activities, emergency planning

Answer the question:

What are the resources for the self-advocacy organizations?

Name of self- advocacy organization	Who provides the resource(s)?	What resource(s) is provided?
IMPACT	Department of Disabilities and Special Needs & Center for Disability Resources	Oversight/Liaison with State Office staff person. Lead Advisory support, materials, food, travel.
IMPACT	Developmental Disabilities Council	Conference and event funding, newsletter and website support, SABE participation, etc.
Local & Regional SA Groups	Disability Boards	Staff support, meeting space, some funding
SC Independent Living Council	Vocational Rehab. + Commission for the Blind	Funding, staff resources & guidance

Answer the question:

What has worked in your state for self-advocacy organizations?

- Statewide Conferences
- Partners in Policymaking
- IMPACT SC
- Youth Leadership Forum
- R-word campaign changed state laws in 2011



Answer the question:

What has worked in your state for self-advocacy organizations?

- Disability Advocacy Day and Self-Advocate Rally
- DD Council Strategic Planning
- Some local SA groups are very active in their communities and at a state and/or national level

Answer the question:

What are some challenges or struggles that your state self-advocacy organizations have faced?

- Budget is limited
- Waiting Lists for services
- Transportation issues
- Youth not involved consistently
- Dependence on sheltered workshops
 - policy & practice not innovative

Answer the question:

What are some challenges or struggles that your state self-advocacy organizations have faced?

- Funding sources and thinking that supports the “old way of doing things” i.e. institutions, restrictive ICF-MR facilities. This limits options for individuals when looking for a job or home of their own
- Transition services not providing “state of the art” programs and don’t develop leadership with youth

Answer the question:

What are some challenges or struggles that your state self-advocacy organizations have faced?

- Not all local areas have strong self-advocacy groups
- Lack of strong connection to the legislature – no “champions” – sympathetic vs. belief in self-determination
- Disability Services are fragmented – not connected to all potential resources – division by disability type

Answer the question:

What are you most proud of in regards to self-advocacy currently in your state?

- R-word campaign
- Strategic plan for IMPACT SC
- 5 Transition to College programs for persons with Disabilities
- Plan for youth leadership expansion (DDC)



Answer the question:

What are you most proud of in regards to self-advocacy currently in your state?

- SABE – active Board Member
- Conference participation to increase skills of self-advocates
- Momentum increasing in SA Movement – something to build on

Answer the question:

What goals or dreams does your state have for self-advocacy?

- Affordable and accessible housing
- Transportation more available and affordable
- Transition Planning is person-driven and results in real jobs for real pay or post-secondary options for students when they graduate

Answer the question:

What goals or dreams does your state have for self-advocacy?

- Active self-advocacy groups in most/all local communities
- Independent Self-Advocate Organization
- Self-Advocate position in the Statehouse
- Annual Self-Advocate Conference



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