

# Self Advocacy Summit

US Virgin Islands

**Goal #1: Sensitivity and disability awareness! There is a big problem in the VI of people 'hiding' their kids with disabilities. This is a cultural stigma to help de-stigmatize.**

<b>HOW?</b>	<b>WHO?</b>	<b>WHEN?</b>
Public service announcement by self-advocates on government access channel (TV)	Stephanie Barnes (ADA coordinator) Self advocates (bring others in that may want to participate)	June
Using theater as a medium for education	The disability rights center is putting a play on. This could be replicated.	April 26 <sup>th</sup>
Advertise the play	Nina will send info to Stephanie to get it on TV. Judy Bain and Emilia are contact people.	March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Create a panel of self-advocates to target the education system. Have an assembly of ambassadors to talk about THEIR STORIES that are personal.	Self-advocates	By Fall 2012 school year
Talk to school administrators	DD Council	March 28
Partners in Policymaking	UCEDD	March 29 & 30, 2012