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A National Conversation on the State of the States' Budgets Agenda

| Teleconferences Total Length: 90 min Moderated Discussion: 60 min Question and Answer Discussion: 30 min Lead Moderator: Julie Petty Expert Moderators: John Agosta & Nancy Thaler | | |
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| Date: March 2, 2009 Time: 3 pm Eastern Time | Date: April 6, 2009 Time: 3 pm Eastern Time | Date: May 4, 2009 Time: 3 pm Eastern Time |
| <p>Presenters: State Directors - Max Chmura of NY, Mary Lee Fay of OR and Steve Hall of GA</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State budgets as they stand today and where they are taking us. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What cuts are we facing today? b. What will be their impact? 2. What are you and other state directors doing to respond to the cuts? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To make them fair? b. To keep things from going backward? c. To keep people informed? 3. What are state directors worried about? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What will it mean to self-advocate's daily lives? 4. What can you do to help us? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are state directors working with self-advocates? b. How can self-advocates be more helpful? | <p>Presenters: Self-Advocates – Chester Finn of NY, Michael Rogers of WA and Rebecca Cokley of D.C.</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How will budget cuts affect us? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is really going on? b. How does it affect self-advocates in their day-to-day lives? 2. What actions are self-advocates taking in response to these budget cuts in their states? 3. What are we going to do about it? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What can self-advocates do to help one another? b. How can self-advocates partner with their state directors, providers and families to reduce the effects of the budget cuts in their lives? c. What can self-advocates do nationally? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. At the capitol? ii. From their state? | <p>Presenters: State Directors – Max Chmura of NY, Mary Lee Fay of OR and Steve Hall of GA</p> <p>Self-Advocates – Chester Finn of NY, Michael Rogers of WA and Rebecca Cokley of D.C.</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is our common ground? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are the values we share? b. How can we work together with our core principles? 2. What can self-advocates do? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is there a willingness to help self-advocates develop peer connections to help each other? b. Can self-advocates help each other through peer connections? c. Any other solutions? 3. What can state directors do? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can self-advocates be included in the decision-making process? b. Can the money available to them be used differently? 4. What can we do together? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To be determined |

National Conversation on Advising Self-Advocacy Groups Agenda

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| <p>Date: April 7, 2008 Time: 3 pm Eastern Time</p> | <p>Date: May 5, 2008 Time: 3 pm Eastern Time</p> | <p>Date: June 2, 2008 Time: 3 pm Eastern Time</p> |
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| <p>Presenters: Chester Finn from New York, Gordon Fletcher from Canada and Patricia Jones from Arizona.</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the self-advocacy movement? 2. What is the self-advocate's role in the movement? 3. What is the advisor's role in the movement? 4. What are the goals? 5. What are you proud of? 6. What do you worry about? 7. What help do you need to be successful? 8. What help don't you need to be successful? | <p>Presenters: Janet Hunt from New Hampshire, Aimee Morry from Canada and Carol Utterback from Missouri.</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What task are advisors asked to do? 2. What are the biggest lessons we have learned? 3. What are the biggest challenges you have experienced? 4. What do you worry about when you think about things? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Styles – Mentor, Guide, Doer b. Functions – Community Organizer, Event Planner c. Stage of group evolution – Social, Personal, Local Actions, Peer Support, Politicized 5. Relationship between person's role as an advisor and their real life roles – conflicts? | <p>Presenters: Michelle Reynolds from Missouri, Bill Worrell from Canada and Vicki Turnage from Alabama.</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What support do advisors need to do their job well? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Training? b. Peer Support? c. Protection? 2. Indicators of a good advisor – what are they? 3. Relationship between self-advocates and their advisors. |