

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
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<p>Date: March 2, 2009 Time: 3 pm Eastern Time</p>	<p>Date: April 6, 2009 Time: 3 pm Eastern Time</p>	<p>Date: May 4, 2009 Time: 3 pm Eastern Time</p>
<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. Can we stop the cuts? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In your state, what are self-advocates doing to stop budget cuts? b. Is it working? 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? 	<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