



Advocacy Starts and Ends with YOU

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Workshop Learning Objectives

- History of Disability Advocacy
- Learn effective advocacy strategies
 - Personal advocacy vs. collectively advocacy
 - How to involve Community Stakeholders and Governor-appointed Councils and Committees.
- Learn how you can be an effective advocate at all levels of systems advocacy.
 - City, County, State, and Federal Levels.
- Learn how to use different media platforms to educate and engage others to make a difference and achieve policy and legislative change for people with disabilities.

It's easy to
become an
advocate.. and
it's
empowering!

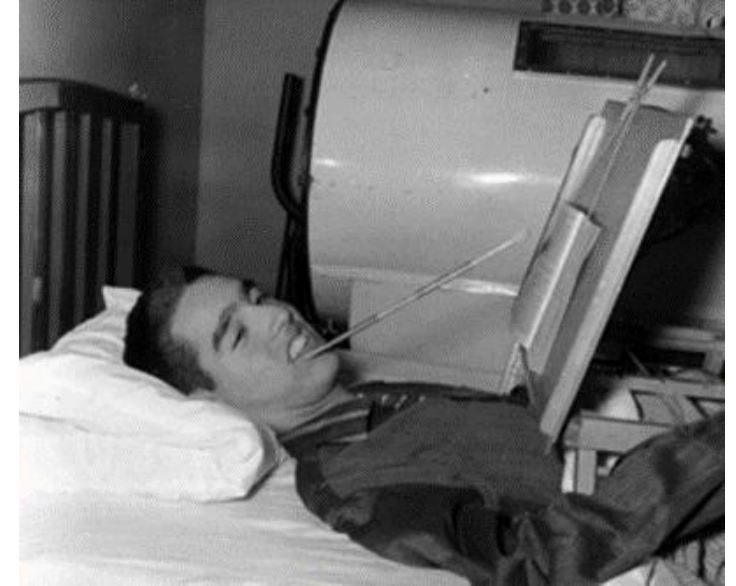


Advocates at Work..



History of Disability Advocacy

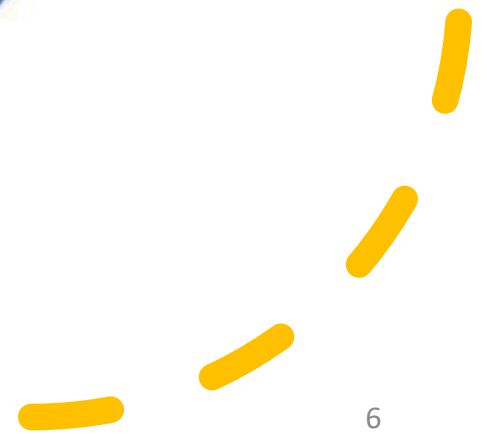
Without advocacy, there would be no Independent Living Centers (ILCs), Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) or community based personal and supportive care.



Do you Vote?

Do you know your local, state, and federal representatives?

Do you know who to contact for issues you are advocating for or against?



**Are there any Advocates
out there?**

A Big Fight in a Small Town..

Fighting for justice with a Huge Corporation



Elected
Officials are
just people
doing a job..

My representative is
from another party
which I don't agree.. I'll
just wait until the next
election!



Advocating can be Easy..

Phone calls, emails,
using social media,
petitions.. Numbers
matter!



Taking it to the Streets..

Show up! Get notice!
Stay loud and proud!



Share your Knowledge..

We all have a story to tell and knowledge to share. Be a voice for those who are silent.



Questions?

Thank you!

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