

The Self-Advocate

A Newsletter Produced by The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project Team



May 5, 2015: Members of the New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network attend a Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee hearing where Acting Commissioner Elizabeth Connolly (center) testified

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 **The 32nd Annual New Jersey Statewide** **Self-Advocacy Network Fall Conference** **“Empowered By Self-Advocacy!”**

Please flip to page 3 for the
OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM
Registration deadline is
Friday, September 11, 2015

Also included in this issue of **The Self-Advocate**:
Conference Schedule, Workshop Choices,
2015 Council Calendars, and T-Shirt Design!

Conference Schedule

8:30 - 9:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30 - 10:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
10:15-11:15 am	Workshop Session A
11:30-12:30 pm	Workshop Session B
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch is served in the Main Ballroom
1:30 - 2:00 pm	General Session
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Socialize, dance, & network!

Workshop Choices

All of the following workshops are offered during both Workshop Session A and Workshop Session B. Please indicate your first and second choices for each workshop session on the registration form (page 3).

1. Healthy Relationships & Dating
2. Advocating at Your Individualized Service Plan (ISP) Meetings
3. Housing: Independent Skills, Rights, & Responsibilities
4. Governmental Affairs Education
5. Getting Involved In Your Community
6. Healthy Communication: Working With Your Support Coordinator
7. Fee for Service & the Supports Program: Making the Most of Your Budget
8. Building Employment Skills and Managing Stress On the Job

Registration deadline is Friday, September 11, 2015.

A \$10- late fee will be assessed to all registration forms received after this date.

Empowered By Self-Advocacy!

Saturday, September 19, 2015

DoubleTree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873

***PLEASE NOTE:** EVERY PERSON WHO PLANS TO ATTEND THIS EVENT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM, DESIGNATE 2 WORKSHOP CHOICES AND PAY \$55.00. THIS INCLUDES STAFF, ADVOCATES, and PARENTS.

*By completing this registration form, you permit The Arc of New Jersey the free use of my name and picture in any film/ videotape/brochure/newspaper or in reports and promotions of this event or future events.

Please note that the registration **deadline** is September 11th, with a **\$10 late fee** assessed to all registration forms received after the deadline.

First Name: _____ Staff Self-Advocate

Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____



Special Dietary Needs



Purèed Meal	Chopped Meal	Vegetarian Meal	Fruit for dessert
Yes, please!	Yes, please!	Yes, please!	Yes, please!

Conference Workshops

Please refer to page 2 of the newsletter for workshop choices.

Workshops	Time	Workshop Choices	1st Choice	2nd Choice
AM Workshop	10:15 AM	Workshops 1 - 8		
PM Workshop	11:30 AM	Workshops 1 - 8		

Please mail your completed registration form and \$55.00 payment by **September 11th** to
ATTN: Christine Kenny, New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project,
985 Livingston Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Please make all checks payable to The Arc of New Jersey

Credit Card # _____

Amex () Master Card () VISA () Expiration Date _____

(Required) Signature x _____

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Fall Conference
Saturday, September 19, 2015

DoubleTree By Hilton

732.469.2600



200 Atrium Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873

From Route I-287 North

Take exit 10 for Route 527 New Brunswick/Easton Ave.
Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue.
Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park.
Follow to the front entrance of the hotel.

From Route I-287 South

Take exit 10 for Route 527 Easton Ave/New Brunswick.
Follow Route 527 North and bear left toward signs for Davidson Avenue.
At the first traffic light, make a left onto Davidson Avenue.
Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park.
Follow to the front entrance of the hotel.

From the New Jersey Turnpike

Take Exit 10 for Metuchen/Edison to I-287 North. Follow directions above for I-287 North.

From the Garden State Parkway North

Take Exit 127 for I-287 North. Follow directions above for I-287 North.

From the Garden State Parkway South

Take exit 129 for I-287 North. Follow directions above for I-287 North.



**Members of the New Jersey Statewide
Self-Advocacy Network are
EMPOWERED BY
SELF-ADVOCACY!**

ANNUAL T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER



SIZES AVAILABLE:

S - 5XL

\$15

CASH ONLY

**T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE AT THE CONFERENCE.
SORRY, NO PRE-ORDERS ACCEPTED.**



NJSSAN Regional Council 2015 Meeting Dates

Ashley Ritchey, Advisor for Councils 1 & 2, can be reached at aritchey@ArcNJ.org

Council One:

Counties: Sussex, Warren, Morris, Hunterdon

October 15

November 19

December 17

Council Two:

Counties: Union, Essex, Bergen, Passaic, Hudson

September 24

October 22

December 10

Erin Caprara, Advisor for Council 3, can be reached at ecaprara@ArcNJ.org

Counties: Middlesex, Somerset, Mercer, Ocean and Monmouth

August 11 at 2320 Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ

September 8 at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, NJ

October 13 at 150 Oberlin Avenue in Lakewood, NJ

Caitlin Burke, Advisor for Councils 4 & 5, can be reached at cburke@ArcNJ.org

Council Four:

Counties: Camden, Burlington, Gloucester

October 20

November 17

December 15

Council Five:

Counties: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem

October 21

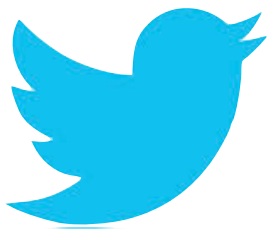
November 18

December 16

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NJSSAN Council in your area.



We are **empowered** by
Self-Advocacy!