

The Self-Advocate

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



MARCH 2014: SELF-ADVOCATES CELEBRATE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH IN TRENTON AND RECEIVE A PROCLAMATION FROM ASSEMBLYWOMAN VALERIE HUTTLE



JULY 2014: 3RD ANNUAL ADA AWARENESS & OUTREACH EVENT ON JENKINSON'S BOARDWALK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

The 31st Annual New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Fall Conference

“Growing with Self-Advocacy!”

Please flip to page 3 for the

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Registration deadline is

Friday, September 12, 2014

Also included in this issue of **The Self-Advocate**:

Conference Schedule, Workshop Choices,
2014 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: Year In Review and Updates
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. DDD Updates and the Fee-for-Service System
2. Housing in New Jersey: Information and Access to Services
3. Achieving Employment Success
4. Accessible Transportation Options in NJ and Travel Instruction
5. Self-Advocacy Around the World
6. Building Healthy Relationships and Social Skills
7. Medical Care
8. Person-Centered Language: Speaking with Respect
9. Safety and Emergency Preparedness
10. Legislative Advocacy: Reaching Out to Lawmakers

Registration deadline is Friday, September 12, 2014.

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

Growing with Self-Advocacy
31st Annual New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy
Network (NJSSAN) Fall Conference

Saturday, September 20, 2014

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

PLEASE NOTE: EVERY INDIVIDUAL 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.

Please note that the registration **deadline** is September 12th, with a **\$10 late fee** assessed to all registration forms received after the deadline.

First Name: _____

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 - 10		
PM Workshop	11:30 AM	Workshops 1 - 10		

Please mail your completed registration form and \$55.00 payment by **September 12th** to
 ATTN: Krishna Kantesaria

The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project, 985 Livingston Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

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Fall Conference
Saturday, September 20, 2014

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

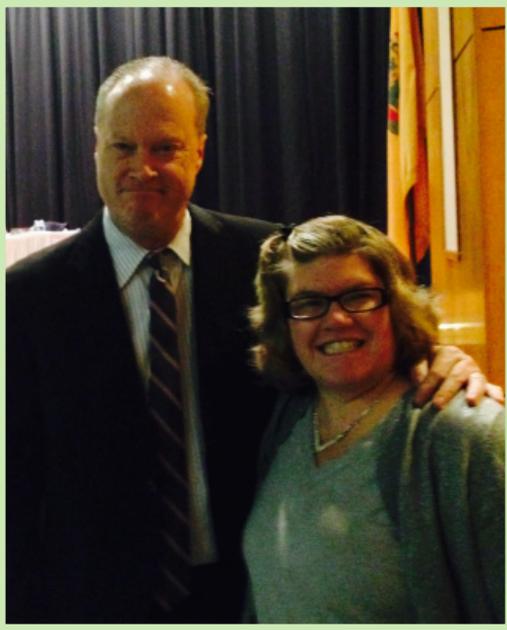
Take Exit 10 for Metuchen/Edison to I-287 North. Follow directions above for I-287 North.

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.



“Growing with Self-Advocacy”



**Celebrating 31 years of
Self-Advocacy in New Jersey**

NJSSAN Advisory Board T-Shirt Fundraiser!



Sizes Available: S - 5XL

\$15
CASH ONLY

T-Shirts will be available for purchase on the day of the event.
Sorry, no pre-orders accepted.



NJSSAN Regional Council 2014 Meeting Dates

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

Council One:

Counties: Sussex, Warren,
Morris, Hunterdon

October 16

November 20

December 18

Council Two:

Counties: Union, Essex,
Bergen, Passaic, Hudson

September 25

October 23

December 11

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

Counties: Middlesex, Somerset, Mercer, Ocean and Monmouth

August 12 at 3 Jill Court, Building 15, Hillsborough, NJ

October 14 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 21

November 18

December 16

Council Five:

Counties: Atlantic, Cape May,
Cumberland, Salem

October 15

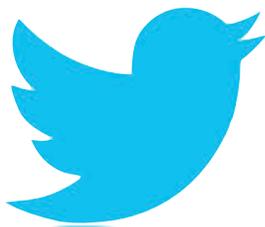
November 19

December 17

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NJSSAN Council in your area.



**We are growing with
Self-Advocacy!**