Training: Advocacy & Navigating the Capitol
OBJECTIVES

Effective Advocacy

Appropriate Supports

Self-Determination

Independent Living

Effective Advocacy

Practice

Solidarity

Effective Advocate

Find [your] voice/passion

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INDEPENDENT LIVING

Culture

Philosophy

Movement
Ed Roberts & Judith Heumann
The Parents of Independent Living
INDEPENDENT LIVING

SILCs
- Policy-Driven
- Statewide Plan for Independent Living

CILs
- Consumer-Driven
- 5 Core Services
INDEPENDENT LIVING
“I want to live in a world where we don’t have such low expectations of [people with disabilities] that we are congratulated for getting out of bed and remembering our own names in the morning.”

Stella Young
1. What is GA’s “best kept secret?”

2. Are Centers for Independent Living a place where people with disabilities live (e.g. a nursing home?)

3. How many Centers does Georgia have?

4. Is there an age requirement for one to receive independent living supports?

5. Do SILCs directly support individuals? Or do they focus on policy and systems change?

1) Independent living.

2) No, but Centers do support individuals with transitioning out and avoiding institutionalization.

3) 9

4) No. As the saying goes, “from womb to tomb.” All ages are eligible.

5) Policy and systems change.
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navigating the capitol
ADVOCACY DAYS

GCDD ALERT - SEE CHANGES BELOW TO ADVOCACY DAYS!

Topics have changed on the dates in BLUE.

Jan 29 - Gracie’s Law (Organ Transplant Discrimination)
Feb 6 - Inclusive Post-Secondary Education (IPSE)
Feb 19 - Home & Community-Based Services (formerly Employment)
Feb 27 - School-to-Prison Pipeline (SToPP)
Mar 11 - Employment (formerly Transportation)

If you have already registered, please wait and you will receive an email allowing you to update your information.

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ADVOCACY DAYS

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Save the Dates
"Our Voices, Our Votes"
Cross-disABILITY Leadership Training and Advocacy at the Georgia Capitol
Sponsored by disABILITY LINK

Opportunities to develop leadership and advocacy skills and use the skills to educate your legislators about topics that impact the cross-disABILITY community

"Our Voices, Our Votes" because "Nothing About Us Without Us"

Sign up for events, not required but helps us in our planning: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RGWN73K
Advocacy Leadership and Advocacy Training Dates to be held at disABILITY LINK:
(please note all events will discuss funding for Centers for Independent Living)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - 10 am to 12 noon
Advocacy Leadership Training

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - 10 am to 12 noon
Advocacy Leadership Training, Advocacy Topic: Transportation Issues

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 10 am to 12 noon
Advocacy Leadership Training, Advocacy Topic: Accessible and affordable Housing

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - 10 am to 12 noon
Advocacy Leadership Training, Advocacy Topic: Employment Issues

Training for advocates to navigate around the Georgia State Capitol

Days of Advocacy at the Georgia State Capitol
205 State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30303

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - 10 am to 11:30 am
Training for advocates to navigate around the Georgia State Capitol

Thursday, January 30, 2020 - 9 am to 12 noon
Advocacy Topic: Transportation

Thursday, February 13, 2020 - 9 am to 12 noon
Advocacy Topic: Accessible and affordable Housing

Thursday, February 27, 2020 - 9 am to 12 noon
Advocacy Topic: Employment

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