



The self-advocacy organization in Idaho is...

The Idaho Self-Advocate Leadership Network

Mission: To advance equality through growth, education, and advocacy by providing opportunities so individuals with disabilities may achieve their greatest unique potential.



What do they do?

Local Level

- 4 Chapters
- Working on needs in our communities
- Helping each other during hard times
- Celebrating individual and group success!



What do they do?

Local Level

Teach people about:

- Speaking up
- Voting
- Parenting
- Guardianship
- Self-Direction



What do they do?

Local Level Speaking up for ourselves



What do they do?

State Level

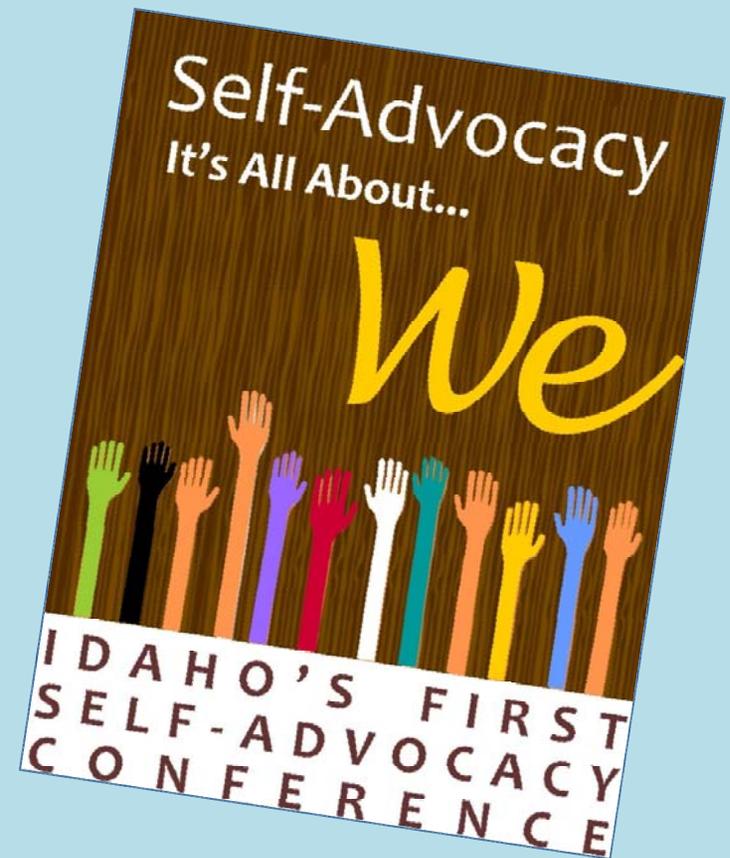
- Write quarterly newsletters
- State phone calls every-other month
- Webpage and Facebook pages
- Quarterly Board Meetings
- Part of state disability policy discussions



What do they do?

State Level

Partnering with the
DD Network for our
1st Self-Advocacy
Conference in 2010



What do they do?

State Level

- Work on legislation
- Testify at hearings
- Help others understand how to tell their story



What are the resources for The Idaho Self-Advocate Leadership Network

Name of self- advocacy organization	Who provides the resources?	What resources are provided?
<p>The Idaho Self-Advocate Leadership Network</p> 	<p>DD Council</p> <p>DisAbility Rights Idaho, Inc.</p> <p>Center on Disabilities & Human Development</p> <p>LIFE, Inc. and LINC, Inc.</p> <p>Idaho Assistive Technology Project</p>	<p>Funding of the organization</p> <p>Collaboration on voting projects, training on self-direction, guardianship, legislative advocacy education</p> <p>Local chapter support, advisory board members, technical assistance on policy issues</p>

What has worked in Idaho?

- Partners in Policymaking, Youth Leadership Forum, Tools for Life, Determined to Vote, Disability Mentoring Day, Disability Advocacy Day
- Shared Leadership
- Good support people
- Self-advocates teaching other self-advocates



What has worked in Idaho?

- Self-advocates testifying at the state Legislature
- Medicaid Matters in Idaho
- Representation on Boards, Councils, Task Forces, and committees



What has worked in Idaho?

- Statewide self-advocacy conference
- Self-advocates involved in national advocacy



Challenges in Idaho



- Transportation!
- Lack of support with the right values for local chapters

Challenges in Idaho



- Lack of support and belief in self-advocacy – others have too much control over people's lives
- Self-advocates limiting themselves to work only on disability issues

Challenges in Idaho

- Missing younger people in the movement
- Lack of funding for leadership development
- Communication is hard from chapter-to-chapter and member-to-member

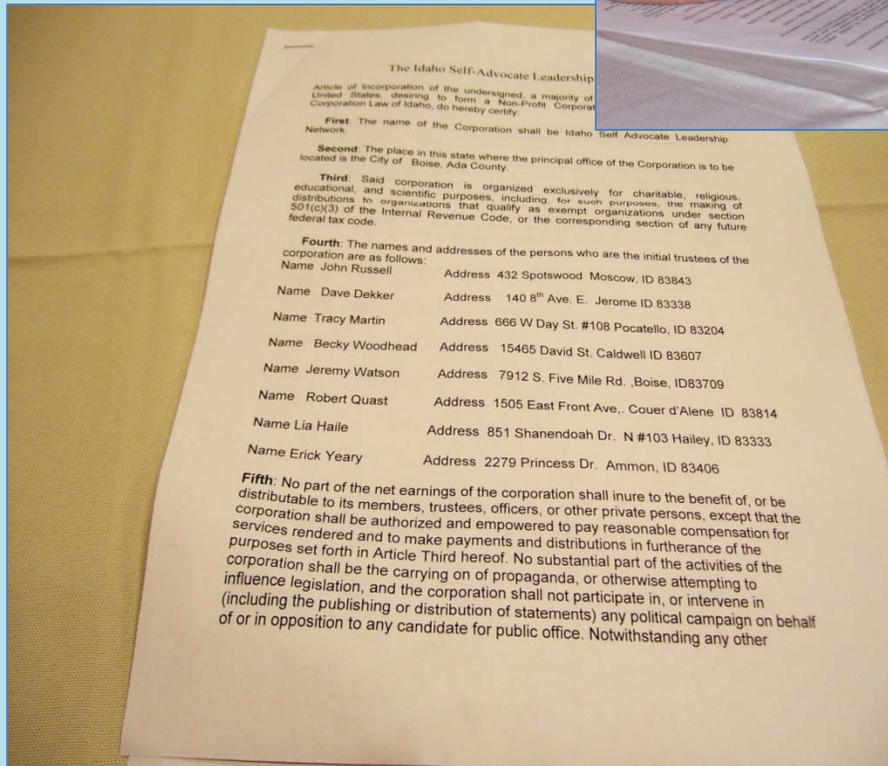
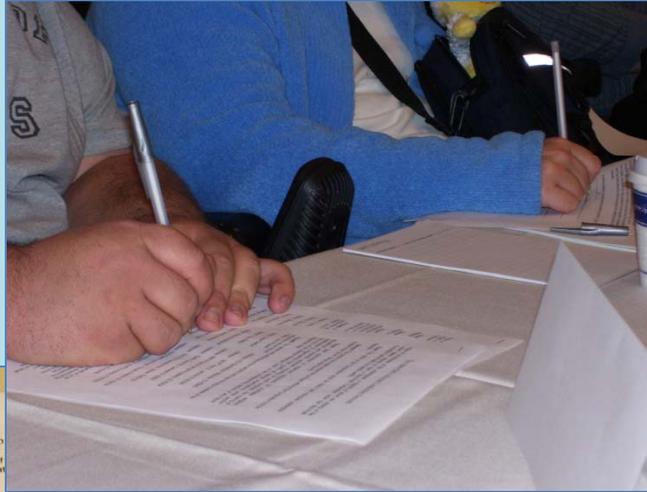


We are most proud of

- The first Statewide Self-Advocacy conference in 2010
- The number of self-advocates doubled that were at the Capitol to testify and talk about issues



We are most proud of



- Becoming a 501 (c) 3
- SALN has 4 chapters
- Determined to Vote
- Good network of self-advocate leaders

Goals for self-advocacy?



- Work in the community and get paid livable wages
- Get a quality education
- Live our lives without people looking over our shoulders or holding our hands

Goals for self-advocacy?

- Paid jobs as leaders in advocacy organizations
- Represent ourselves in BIG numbers at the Capitol and other policy and advocacy events



**Disability 2011
Advocacy Day**
Restore*Rebuild*Renew

**THIS SATURDAY!
BOISE
DEC. 10TH
State Capitol**

**CATCH SATURDAY'S WORKSHOP
LIVE AND ONLINE!**

Boise's Dec. 10th Workshop will be broadcast online!

Live Video Streaming begins at: 9:00am. [Click here to link.](#)



Goals for self-advocacy?

- Married with children...no questions
- Recognized and directly funded as a member of the DD Network
- Get rid of the marriage penalty through Social Security
- Equal auto insurance rates for people with disabilities



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Thanks for having us and
letting us share