



Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Vision for SSAN?

SSAN will build a statewide peer advocacy network that links advocates, communities, regions and statewide leadership.



What is the purpose?

For decades, local, regional and statewide self and peer advocacy groups, advisory bodies and organizations have worked to enhance quality of life and protect the rights of Californians with disabilities. By building on these existing structures and working collectively to link information and aims, the network will lessen fragmentation of effort and increase influence. SSAN will join self-advocacy efforts across communities and move advocacy by persons with disabilities to the forefront in California.

Who are Invited Partners?



Department of Developmental Services



Disability Rights California



UCEDD (UCLA, USC, UC DAVIS)



People First of California



State Council on Developmental Disabilities

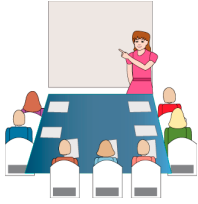


Association of Regional Center Agencies



California Foundation for Independent

Living Centers



How Does it Work?

With multi-year outcome-driven plans, advocacy leadership, strategies and tools are exchanged among communities. As members of SSAN, representatives and their communities identify regional advocacy interests and needs. Together they generate community-based goals, objectives and carry out activities to achieve their outcomes.

SSAN will be convened quarterly in Sacramento for leadership training, sharing expertise, evaluating tools and reporting on progress with community advocacy plans and efforts.

Statewide Communication



SCDD will maintain SSAN web pages on its website where SSAN and each region will have opportunities to highlight their advocacy activities. Information sharing and online communication will be encouraged. Self-advocates, families and the general community will have access to advocacy materials, tools, and presentations.

SCDD is developing an advocacy resource center that will provide online and published resources to support local, regional and statewide self and peer advocacy across California.



Support

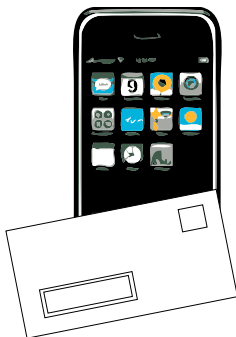
SCDD is providing funding for facilitation support to assist SSAN with organizational and leadership (Chair & Co-Chair) development and training.

Support will include assistance to SSAN members and their facilitators to prepare quarterly reports regarding community needs and activities, leadership development and progress toward outcomes. SSAN materials and tools will also be provided in accessible formats and available to all SSAN members through the SCDD website.



Annual Report

Each year SCDD and SSAN members will publish an online report and video of goals, activities and outcomes.



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