

Statewide Self–Advocacy Network



SSAN Mission Statement

The Statewide Self–Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy in disability communities by focusing on policy change.

WHO WE ARE:

The Statewide Self–Advocacy Network (SSAN) is a cross-disability network in California established in 2012.

WHAT WE DO:

- Develop the knowledge and skills to make a difference in our region and state
- Speak up for all people with disabilities
- Learn about and advocate for issues important to all people with disabilities
- Lead regional and statewide advocacy groups and networks
- Train advocates in their communities in order to grow the Self-Advocacy movement in California
- Share information about programs and supports for people with disabilities



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Successful advocacy means building relationships and helpful partnerships. The SSAN partners include:

- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) and Representatives from its 12 regional offices
- Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)
- California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)
- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Disability Rights California (DRC)
- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD: USC Children’s Hospital; UCLA Tarjan Center; and UCD M.I.N.D. Institute)

Member Responsibilities

- Share and exchange information between SSAN members and the areas they represent
- Reach out to the community and be a resource for local advocacy groups
- Provide information in local communities
- Promote legislative and policy change
- Provide support and training to local self-advocacy groups

For more information, check out www.scdd.ca.gov/selfadvocacy or contact the SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator at 916-263-8196.