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STATEWIDE SELF ADVOCACY NETWORK MEETING INFORMATION



DATES: Wednesday, December 10, 2025, and Thursday, December 11, 2025



TIME: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MEETING DETAILS:

This meeting is being held using the Zoom meeting platform.

ZOOM LINK:

<https://bit.ly/SSAN-December-2025>

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DAY 1 **AGENDA**

December 10, 2025
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions

Presented by:

- Rebecca Donabed, Chairperson
- Eric Aguilar, Vice-Chairperson
- Ellen Sweigert, Secretary



2. Review and Approval of September 2025 Minutes

Presented by: Rebecca Donabed, Chairperson

ACTION



3. SCDD Update

Presented by: Aaron Carruthers, SCDD Executive Director
Information



Lunch Break 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM



4. **Systemic Advocacy Leadership Academy (SALA)**
Presented by: Chris Arroyo, SCDD Deputy Director, Policy
and Public Affairs
Information



5. **Sensory Emergency Preparedness**
Presented by: Jennifer Lucas, SCDD Regional Manager, Central Coast
Information

6. **Recap and Reflections**
Presented by: SSAN Leadership Team





DAY 2 AGENDA

December 11, 2025
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions

Presented by:

- Rebecca Donabed, Chairperson
- Eric Aguilar, Vice-Chairperson
- Ellen Sweigert, Secretary



Intro Prompt: What are you hoping for in the new year?

2. SSAN Annual Report

Presented by: Riana Hardin, SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator



3. Participation Barriers to SSAN

Presented by: ALL



Lunch Break 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM



4. Types of Advocates

Ellen Sweigert, North Bay Regional SSAN Representative

5. Strengthening Connections with Regional Centers

Presented by: Ellen Sweigert, North Bay Regional SSAN Representative

6. Reflections and Closing Remarks

Presented by: SSAN Leadership Team



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SSAN MEETING DAY 1 AGENDA ITEM 2

ACTION ITEM



Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Approval of September 2025 Minutes

Attachments

- September 2025 Minutes

Recommended Action

Approve the minutes from the September 2025 SSAN meeting.

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Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Meeting Minutes

September 3 and 4 (virtual)

SCDD Regional Members Present

Lisa Cooley – Sacramento
Ellen Sweigert – North Bay
Sara Desumala – Bay Area
Crystal Enyeart – North Valley Hills
Daniel Stickney – Central Coast
Rebecca Donabed – Sequoia
Julie Gaona – Los Angeles
Eric Aguilar – San Bernardino
Viri Salgado – San Diego

Agency Members Present

Rosie Ryan – SCDD
Scott Barron – DRC
Desiree Boykin – ARCA
Robert Levy – UCD MIND Institute
Nicole Patterson – DDS
Kecia Weller – UCLA Tarjan Center
Wesley Witherspoon – USC CHLA

Members Not Present

Sonya Force – North Coast
North State
Sean Sullivan – Orange County
Russell Dawsons-Rawlings – CFILC
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SCDD Staff in Attendance

Chris Arroyo – SCDD HQ
David Delgado – SCDD HQ
Albert Feliciano – SCDD Los Angeles
Riana Hardin – SCDD HQ
Dena Hernandez – SCDD N. Valley Hills
Brian Hoang – SCDD HQ
Barbara Imle – SCDD HQ

Others Present

Greg Alcantra
David Forderer
Wayne Glusker
Maira Gutierrez
Elisa Herzog
Robin Keehn
Nestor Nieves
Haneef
Holly Oliver
Robert Rogers
Makayla



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September 2025 SSAN Minutes

Day 1

SSAN Members held a moment of silence and extended their condolences on the passing of Eric Ybarra, an advocate from Stockton and member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD Board).

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

SSAN Chairperson and DO Network Representative, Rebecca Donabed, called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. SSAN Vice-Chair, Eric Aguilar, reviewed the SSAN Meeting guidelines and reminded members to be respectful and actively listen so they can better understand others' perspectives. Members were asked to introduce themselves by sharing their name and the region and/or agency they represent. They were also asked to share an advocacy activity they participated in since the last meeting, and something fun they did over the summer. Members reported participating in a wide range of advocacy activities, including attending regional center board meetings, meeting with elected officials, speaking at conferences, participating in planning meetings, serving on panels, and providing trainings.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Review and Approval of June 2025 Minutes

The members reviewed the minutes from the June 2025 meeting. Materials for this agenda item can be found on pages 5-12 of the September 2025 SSAN meeting packet.

ACTION: Motion #1, to approve the June 2025 minutes, was made by Wesley Witherspoon and seconded by Daniel Stickney. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed. See vote log.



4. Medical Advocacy

There was a change in the agenda and the SCDD Update was moved to day two of the meeting.

Wesley Witherspoon, Project Coordinator and USC Children's Hospital UCEDD SSAN Representative provided a presentation on how to advocate for yourself in a medical appointment. Training materials for this agenda item were from [Oregon office on Disability and Health](#). This training covered: making an appointment, finding transportation, planning with your support person, understanding copays, what you should bring to your appointment, communicating with your doctor, making choices about your health, and following up after your appointment.

5. Network Needs

Members had an opportunity to share more about upcoming projects and opportunities for collaboration and support. Resources for Independence Central Valley (RICV) will be hosting a 12-week leadership training course. The SCDD Sacramento Regional will host monthly virtual self-advocacy chats on a variety of topics.

Members talked about wanting to host hybrid meetings and share SSAN meeting links with other self-advocacy groups to increase attendance and awareness of meetings.

Members expressed interest in working to improve access to medical services and the accessibility of public transportation. There was a collective concern about the level of participation in self-advocacy activities because of fear of being targeted and concern about the new work requirements for people receiving Medicaid.

Several members are planning to meet with their legislators to discuss their concerns. All members were encouraged to vote and educate others about the power of their voice.



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6. Service Delivery Codes Website Project

Albert Feliciano, SCDD staff from the Los Angeles Regional Office, gave a presentation about the Service Delivery Codes project. This project is a collaborative effort between SCDD and DDS to create a clear and user-friendly, comprehensive tool that outlines the services offered through the Regional Center. The primary goal of the project is to provide advocates and their families with a tool they can use to identify services they may need, learn what may be available through the Regional Center, and understand how to request them. Suggestions from participants included adding location-based filtering, and providing links to specific programs and vendors listed. Members expressed interest in being updated about any beta testing opportunities and the project's launch timeline.

7. What's Your Platform

SSAN Secretary and North Bay Regional Office Representative, Ellen Sweigert, gave a presentation on creating a personal platform based on life-changing experiences. There are three parts to creating a personal platform. First, you need to know your own story and what you want to tell others about your experience. Next, you need to know what helped you during your experience or journey. The last part is thinking about how you can help others by going through the same or similar experience.



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8. Systemic Advocacy Leadership Academy (SALA)

Chris Arroyo, SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs, presented the third segment of the Systemic Advocacy Leadership Academy (SALA) training for SSAN members. This item explained the difference between advocating for your own needs and advocating to improve the system or process for others. Examples of tools used to collect feedback and data from the community to support your systems-change efforts were also shared.

9. Recap and Reflections

Members reflected on the day's events and what they plan on sharing with their communities. Day 1 of the September SSAN Meeting was adjourned at 2:54.



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DAY 2

1. Welcome and Introduction

Chair, Rebecca Donabed, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Vice-Chair Eric Aguilar reviewed the SSAN meeting guidelines. Members introduced themselves and shared things they were looking forward to about the fall. Members mentioned cooler weather, spending time with friends and family, football, the time change, Halloween, apple picking, and enjoying comfort food.

2. SSAN Newsletter

Robert Levy, SSAN Newsletter Project Lead, reviewed the September 2025 Voices of SSAN Newsletter with members. This edition of the newsletter focused on access to employment. Robert asked for volunteers to write articles for the December edition of the newsletter, which will focus on the topic of Disability Awareness.

3. Emergency Planning: Wildfire and Floods

Eric Aguilar, SSAN Vice-Chair and San Bernardino SSAN Representative, along with Wesley Witherspoon, USC Children's Hospital UCEDD Representative, shared tools and strategies to help members stay safe during wildfires and floods. This agenda item explained how wildfires can create conditions that lead to floods, and things you should remember when creating your evacuation plan.

4. Updates on the Master Plan

Nicole Patterson, DDS Advocacy & Self-Advocates Liaison Specialist and SSAN representative, updated members on the progress of implementing recommendations from the Master Plan on Developmental Services Committee. DDS hopes to design a portal similar to health care portals that would allow clients to review their IPP, see how much funding has been used for their services, and access additional service information. DDS also plans to collect feedback from clients about the features they would like included in the portal. DDS continues to take public input during this 10-year implementation process, and encouraged members to stay tuned for future updates.



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5. SCDD Update

David Delgado, SCDD Branch Chief of Headquarters Operations, and Chris Arroyo, SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs, provided members with updates on SCDD activities since the June SSAN meeting. Updates included that the agency is continuing to educate communities about the agency's ability to act as [authorized representatives](#); and that the agency is encouraging people to participate in the development of their next 5-year State Plan by taking and sharing the link to survey with their communities. He also encouraged members to share the [2025-2026 SCDD Back-to-School Resource Guide](#) with their community members, and to consider applying to serve on the SCDD council.

6. Reflections and Closing Remarks

Members reflected on the important information they received today and discussed what they plan to share with their communities.



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SSAN VOTE LOG: SEPTEMBER 2025

Name	Region	Day 1 Attendance	Motion 1	Day 2 Attendance
Rosie Ryan	SCDD	Present	Abstain	Present
Sonya Force	North Coast	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present
VACANT	North State	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present
Lisa Cooley	Sacramento	Present	For	Present
Ellen Sweigert	North Bay	Present	For	Present
Sara Desumala	Bay Area	Present	Abstain	Present
Crystal Enyeart	North Valley Hills	Present	Abstain	Present
Daniel Stickney	Central Coast	Present	For	Present
Rebecca Donabed	Sequoia	Present	For	Present
Julie Gaona	Los Angeles	Present	Abstain	Present
Sean Sullivan	Orange County	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present
Eric Aguilar	San Bernardino	Present	For	Present
Viri Salgado	San Diego	Present	Not Present	Present
Desiree Boykin	ARCA	Present	Abstain	Present
Russell Dawson–Rawlings	CFILC	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present
VACANT	YO! Disabled & Proud	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Nicole Patterson	DDS	Present	For	Present
Scott Barron	DRC	Present	For	Present
Wesley Witherspoon	USC – CHLA	Present	Abstain	Present
Kecia Weller	UCLA Tarjan Center	Present	Abstain	Present
Robert Levy	UCD MIND Institute	Present	For	Present

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SSAN MEETING DAY 1 AGENDA ITEM 3

Information Item

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



SCDD Update

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will update SSAN members on the Council's activities to meet the needs of Californians with I/DD during these challenging times.

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**SSAN MEETING DAY 1 AGENDA ITEM 4
INFORMATION ITEM**



Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Systemic Advocacy Leadership Academy (SALA)

Systemic Advocacy & Leadership Academy (SALA) is a statewide training program developed by the Los Angeles Regional Office. SALA welcomed its first statewide group of self-advocates in 2024.

SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Chris Arroyo, will build on the information shared during the last three (3) SSAN meetings.

Handouts

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**SSAN MEETING DAY 1 AGENDA ITEM 5
INFORMATION ITEM**



Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Sensory Implications When Working with People with Developmental Disabilities in Crisis

SCDD Central Coast Regional Manager, Jennifer Lucas, will provide members with training on how to create a Sensory Friendly Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Some individuals experience loud sounds, bright lights, strong smells, or busy environments as overwhelming due to sensory differences. This training explains why sensory overload occurs and how it can affect a person's ability to communicate or stay regulated. Participants will learn simple, effective strategies to reduce stress, support regulation, and create more inclusive and calming environments.

We will cover:

- The eight senses and the role they play.
- How sensory processing differences influence emotional and behavioral regulation.
- Sensory-informed communication and de-escalation strategies to promote safety and inclusion.

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**SSAN MEETING DAY 1 AGENDA ITEM 6
INFORMATION ITEM**



Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Recap and Reflections

This agenda item gives members a chance to reflect on the day's discussions and topics.

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**SSAN MEETING DAY 2 AGENDA ITEM 2
INFORMATION ITEM**

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



2024-2025 SSAN Annual Report

The 2024–2025 SSAN Annual Report that summarizes SSAN Activity for the past federal physical year (October 2024-September 2025).

Attachments

- 2024–2025 SSAN Annual Report

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2024 – 2025
The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



SSAN ANNUAL REPORT

THE STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK

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About SCDD

The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is established by state law (the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, or Lanterman Act) and federal laws (the Developmental Disabilities Assistance or DD Act, and Bill of Rights Act of 2000) and is one of 56 State Councils on Developmental Disabilities within the U.S. and its territories. SCDD belongs to the National Association for Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), which provides guidance and support to all 56 Councils. Growing and supporting self-advocacy is a core principle for every State Council, as identified in the DD Act.

SCDD is committed to advancing self-advocacy efforts in California and designated self-advocacy as the focus of its first goal in the 2022-2026 five-year state plan. SCDD established the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) in 2012 to meet its commitment to support and strengthen an organization led by individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, which develops and promotes leadership skills and expands participation in cross-disability coalitions.

By supporting SSAN, SCDD aims to: 1) train self-advocates throughout California to advocate for their civil and service rights; 2) advance meaningful participation and integration of self-advocates in their chosen communities; and 3) encourage and support SSAN members to become leaders in their local communities and across the state.

About SSAN

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

Vision Statement

SSAN is a network of self-advocates that was established in 2012 and works to do the following:

- Develop the knowledge and skills to make a difference in our local regions and across the state
- Speak up with and for people with all kinds of disabilities
- Learn about and advocate for issues important to all people with disabilities
- Collaborate and organize with other regional and statewide advocacy groups and networks
- Help the Self-Advocacy movement in California grow by training self-advocates in their communities
- Share information about programs, resources, and support available for people with disabilities

Agency Connections

[California State Council on Developmental Disabilities](#) (SCDD)

[California Department of Developmental Services](#) (DDS)

[California Foundation for Independent Living Centers](#) (CFILC)

[Association of Regional Center Agencies](#) (ARCA)

[Disability Rights California](#) (DRC)

California University Centers on Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)

[UCLA Tarjan Center](#)

[USC Children's Hospital](#)

[UC Davis MIND Institute](#)

SSAN Members (Roster) 2024–2025

Regional Representatives:

North Coast Region – Sonya Force

North State Region – Vacant

Sacramento Region – Lisa Cooley

North Bay Region – Ellen Sweigert

Bay Area Region – Sara Desumala

North Valley Hills Region – Robert Balderama & Crystal Enyeart

Central Coast Region – Daniel Stickley

Sequoia Region – Rebecca Donabed

Los Angeles Region – Julie Gaona

Orange County Region – Sean Sullivan

San Bernardino Region – Eric Aguilar

San Diego Imperial Region – Viri Salgado

Agency Representatives:

Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) – Desiree Boykin

California Foundation of Independent Living Centers (CFILC) – Russell Dawson-Rawlings

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) – Nicole Patterson

Disability Organizing DO Network – Rebecca Donabed

Disability Rights California (DRC) – Scott Barron

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) – Rosie Ryan

University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs):

- UC Davis MIND Institute – Robert Levy
- UCLA Tarjan Center – Kecia Weller
- USC Children’s Hospital – Wesley Witherspoon

Message from SSAN Leadership

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our fellow SSAN members, for voting for us as your leaders during such a challenging time.

To be a leader means to be patient, have a sense of responsibility, and to be a motivational public speaker. Leaders serve as inspirations and role models for others. Leaders should also be humble, kind, and willing to share their experiences and include others in their efforts. These are just a few thoughts that came up during the transition meeting with the 2022-2024 leaders.

Developing leadership skills is an important part of strengthening self-advocacy. Leaders can use their platforms to highlight issues members are experiencing and to share resources and information about what is happening in their communities. Building leadership skills help advocates to develop confidence, and become consistent, relatable, and reliable leaders who can motivate others. We are honored to have this opportunity to apply the skills we have developed over the years so we can help lead this network.

Here are key areas we would like to focus on in order to grow SSAN over the next two (2) years:

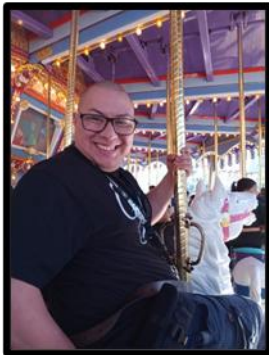
- Expand SSAN to become a true cross-disability network
- Encourage members to advocate for themselves and communities
- Develop knowledge of advocacy tools
- Increase outreach and awareness of SSAN
- Promote mentorship and sharing of responsibilities
- Explore new ways for members to engage locally
- Inspire and train new leaders
- Connect with and educate the younger generations about the self-advocacy movement

Thank you again for trusting us to be the elected leaders of SSAN. We look forward to working with you to strengthen and expand the self-advocacy movement in California. We hope you will join us.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Donabed, SSAN Chair



Eric Aguilar, SSAN Vice-Chair



Ellen Sweigert, SSAN Secretary

2024–2025 Meeting Highlights

SSAN held four (4) meetings between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025, using the Zoom platform. Highlights from meetings include:

Organizational Practices:

- Elected the 2025-2026 Leadership Team
- Continued work on organizing virtual events and publishing the quarterly newsletter

Training:

- Systemic Advocacy Leadership Academy (SALA) (SCDD)
- Emergency Preparedness (SSAN Member)
- Medical Advocacy (SSAN Member)
- History of Self-Advocacy (SSAN Member)
- What's Your Platform (SSAN Member)

Provided feedback to:

- SCDD's 5-Year State Plan Development Survey
- Regional Center Service Delivery Code Project

Updated systems change efforts and programs:

- SCDD-supported legislation and
- SCDD agency updates

Discussions/Conversations:

- The Future of SSAN

2024–2025 SSAN Approved Materials and Member Projects

Content Created and Reviewed

- 2023-2024 SSAN Annual Report
- Four (4) editions of the Voices of SSAN newsletter
- Three (3) webinar recordings
- Minutes from four (4) SSAN meetings

Projects and Collaborations

- SSAN NDEAM 2024 event (Zoom Webinar)
- SSAN Developmental Disability 2025 Awareness event (Zoom Webinar)
- SSAN ADA 2025 celebration event (Zoom Webinar)
- 2025 UCLA Leadership Academy
- California's Master Plan on Developmental Services
- Training regional transportation agencies
- Training on voting accessibility
- DO Network Outreach and Training Activities
- Disability Vote California
- Participated in SCDD Disability Expert Advisory Panels (DEAPs)

SSAN Members are regularly asked to participate in events and present at conferences because they are strong leaders in their communities across the state and throughout the nation.

Topics of Member Presentations and Projects:

- Leadership
- Self-Advocacy
- Self-Determination
- Emergency Preparedness
- Healthy Relationships
- Conversations with Medical Students

2024–2025 Member Highlights

SSAN members participate in coalitions, Boards and Planning committees throughout California along with providing self-advocates, family advocates and others with training related to increasing self-advocacy and access to community support.

Highlights from members during the 2024 – 2025 reporting period include:

- Participating on SCDD Regional Advisory Committees (RACs)
- Participating actively in virtual governance meetings
- Organizing, attending and presenting at the following events:
 - People First (PF) gatherings (Virtual)
 - CHOICES Conference
 - California Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference (In-Person)
 - California Supported Life Institute Conference (In-Person)
 - Regional Self-Advocacy chats (Virtual)
- Serving on IHSS Public Authority, transportation boards, People First groups
- Sharing their stories with Legislators in support of legislative efforts
- Working with regional centers on Coordinated Future Planning Taskforces
- Delivering training with SCDD Regional Offices
- Assisting SCDD with distributing personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Educating and informing their communities about SSAN
- Providing presentations on the Self-Determination Program
- Participating in ‘Advocacy Days’ with the Arc of California

Measuring the Impact of SSAN

In October 2024, over 150 people registered and over 30 people attended SSAN's second virtual event recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) "Access to Good Jobs for People with Disabilities: Resources and Supports for Your Future". Attendees appreciated hearing from representatives from the Department of Rehabilitations, Progressive Employment Concepts, and Resources for Independence Central Valley about resources available to help in the search for employment.

In March 2025, over 650 people registered and over 100 people attended SSAN's second Developmental Disability Awareness Month event called "The Choices We Make Together: Understanding Limited Conservatorships and Less Restrictive Alternatives". The event included presentations from Disability Rights California (DRC), the UC Davis MIND Institute, CalABLE, as well as SSAN members who shared their experiences using different support tools.

In July 2025, SSAN hosted its first virtual event celebrating Disability Pride Month. The title of the event was "Still Rising: 35 Years of Disability Rights and Pride". The event featured a combination of video clips, reflections, and discussions. Videos shown included "History of Our Community", "Do Disabled People Really Have the Same Rights?", and "PBS Medicaid Cuts". Over 70 people registered for and over 60 attended the event. It was a great success. People appreciated the chance to learn about the organizing efforts of the disability rights movement.

Planning for the Future

A common theme brought up in 2024-2025 SSAN meetings was the interest in connecting with other advocates in California and across the country. Members are interested in growing the inclusive, collaborative nature of SSAN in the near future. Here are a few ideas shared by members:

Get connected

- Outreach to regional centers, independent living centers and self-advocacy groups
- Expand connections with other groups with diverse identities and needs
- Increase collaboration to explore solutions to problems

Create new resources

- Increase the number of plain-language and easy read resources
- Develop more one-pagers and tip sheets
- Restructure workgroups to focus on short-term projects
- Train more advocates about their rights, services they are entitled to, and the importance of voting

Expand topics of presentations and training materials

- Employment options and resources
- Accessibility of public transportation
- Accessibility of medical offices and hospitals
- Affordable and accessible homes

Increase interest and activate more advocates

- Connect with the next generation through social media, storytelling, and mentorship
- Discover new, creative and effective ways that advocates can get involved
- Host community engagement events



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**SSAN MEETING DAY 2 ITEM 3
INFORMATION ITEM**



Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Participation Barriers to SSAN

Members will have a chance to share ideas about how to improve the reach and participation of members of SSAN. Topics to be discussed in this agenda include:

- Ideas for how to improve attendance and participation
- Ways to strengthen the network

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**SSAN MEETING DAY 2 ITEM 4
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Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



Types of Advocates

Ellen Sweigert, SSAN Secretary and SCDD North Bay Regional Office SSAN Representative, will be giving a presentation on the different types of advocates.

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**SSAN MEETING DAY 2 ITEM 5
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Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



Strengthening Connections with Regional Centers

Ellen Sweigert, SSAN Secretary and SCDD North Bay Regional Office SSAN Representative, who also works as the Client Advocate for the North Bay Regional Center, will lead a conversation about ways that SSAN members can collaborate with regional centers.

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**SSAN MEETING DAY 2 AGENDA ITEM 6
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Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Meeting Reflections and Closing

This agenda item gives members a chance to reflect on the day's discussions and topics. Members will have a chance to share ideas for items to include in the 2026 meetings.

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