# Advocacy Matters

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### Celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

On March 14th, members of the New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (NJSSAN) gathered at the State House in Trenton to celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Dozens of legislators stopped by The Arc of New Jersey's booth and met members of the NJSSAN. Elizabeth Connolly, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, presented and read the Governor's Proclamation to NJSSAN representatives. To see more photos from this event, please visit The Arc of New Jersey's Facebook page.





Self-Advocates with The Arc of Somerset County tour the State House



Members of the NJSSAN greet Assemblyman Zwicker (center)



Ellen Moskowitz, President of the NJSSAN, holds a Resolution delivered by Assemblywoman Huttle in honor of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Senator Weinberg (center) is pictured alongside members of the NJSSAN from Matheny School and The Arc of Ocean County.



Assemblyman Moriarty (left) and Assemblywoman Kennedy (standing) stop by The Arc of New Jersey's Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month booth

#### **OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM**

The 11th Annual New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network *Spring Into Action* Luncheon SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

The Imperia

1714 Easton Avenue Somerset, NJ 08873

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### Space is limited. Early registration is advised!

Registration deadline is MARCH 18, 2016.

A \$10.00 late fee will be charged to any registration form received after this date. Sorry, but we cannot accommodate reservations over the phone or on the day of the event.

Please include payment of your \$35 Conference Fee along with your registration form.

**EVERYONE** attending the event **MUST** fill out a registration form.

All staff, drivers (who plan to attend the event), and assistants need to register individually and pay the registration fee.

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LUNCHEON REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 18, 2016

Annual Self-Advocacy Group Advisor & Officer Workshop Positive Identity Development:



Direct Support Professionals as *Agents of Change* in the Lives of

People with Developmental Disabilities

This workshop is appropriate for Self-Advocates and staff members.

## **Southern Region:**

Friday, May 13th 10 AM - 12 PM

**Location**: The Arc of Atlantic County

<u>6550 Delilah Rd, Egg Harbor Township, NJ</u>

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Pre-registration is required.

Please contact Ashley at

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or **732-246-2525, ext. 37** to reserve your spot.