

# Advocacy Matters

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## NJSSAN Members Attend Senate Budget Hearing

May 3, 2016: Members of the New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (NJSSAN) attended a Senate Budget Committee Hearing in Trenton to learn more about the proposed 2017 Budget. Advocates were interested in learning about how the budget affects services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the state.

Pictured below is DHS Commissioner Connolly and DDD Assistant Commissioner Shea at the State House with NJSSAN members from Ocean and Camden County.





entertaining and memorable short films featuring  
people with intellectual and developmental disabilities



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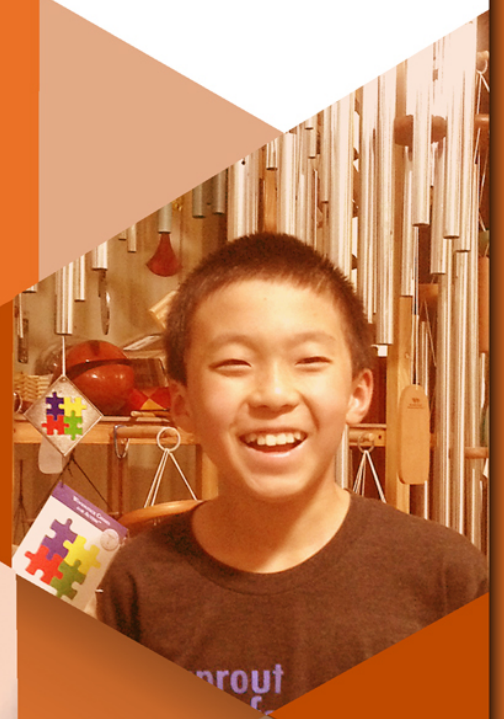
**Saturday, June 4, 2016**  
**11:00AM & 2:00PM**

**Rutgers the State University of NJ**  
**Busch Campus Center**  
**604 Bartholomew Road**  
**Piscataway, NJ**

**\$10.00 per person per show**  
**\$15.00 for a 2 show pass**

# sprout film festival

*making the invisible visible*



**To purchase tickets: Visit [www.sproutnj.org](http://www.sproutnj.org) to  
purchase tickets online or print a registration form  
and mail a check to The Arc of New Jersey.**

**For more information please contact  
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# The Arc of New Jersey Presents the Sprout Film Festival

The Arc of New Jersey is thrilled to announce that we will be hosting the Sprout Film Festival in New Jersey! Sprout is a touring film festival featuring films about and by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## Sprout makes the invisible, visible!

Saturday, June 4, 2016  
Rutgers University Busch Campus Center  
604 Bartholomew Rd, Piscataway, NJ 08854

We will be holding two 75 minute showings, each with its own unique set of films

Show #1 - 11:15 am, doors open at 11:00 am  
Show #2 - 2:15 pm, doors open at 2:00 pm

Tickets are \$10.00 per person for each show. If you want to see both shows, pay just \$15.00 for a 2 show pass!

To purchase tickets, go to [www.sproutnj.org](http://www.sproutnj.org), or fill out this form and return it with a check made payable to The Arc of New Jersey.

Please send me the following tickets to Sprout:

\_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets to the 11:15 showing x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets to the 2:15 showing x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of 2 Show Passes – see both shows for one discount price x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Email

Phone

Mail this form and your check to Sprout Film Festival, The Arc of NJ, 985 Livingston Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

or use your credit card #

exp date

Signature





### **Vice President of the NJSSAN Receives the Colleen Fraser Award**

Congratulations to **Evelyn Ramundo**, Vice President of the NJ Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Advisory Board, on receiving the Colleen Fraser Self-Advocate Award at the Annual Community Building Awards ceremony! This event, hosted by the NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities, took place at the Camden Aquarium. Evelyn was recognized for her tireless advocacy work on the state and local level. Evelyn is a strong and frequent voice at legislative hearings, awareness campaigns and local events. We applaud her hard work and this wonderful recognition. Pictured below from left to right: Dennis Donatelli, Erin Caprara, Evelyn Ramundo, Tom Baffuto, & Beverly Roberts.