

Advocacy Matters

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2nd ANNUAL COUNCIL 1 IHOP FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, July 16th, the members of Council One of the New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network hosted a fundraiser at the IHOP in Hackettstown. In preparation for the

event, group members developed a flyer to promote the event at work, home, and throughout their



communities. The group's marketing efforts certainly paid off- the restaurant was packed with supporters from Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex and Morris counties!



JULY 2015

July is ADA Awareness Month

Please join the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project (NJSAP) team, along with members from the regional Councils of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network, at the **Point Pleasant Beach Boardwalk** on **FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015** to celebrate ADA Awareness Month!

The ADA, or the Americans With Disabilities Act, is a **civil rights law** that **prohibits discrimination** based on a person having a disability. It was signed into law on **July 26th, 1990** and has been changed several times since then. These changes include details about people with disabilities having the right to access public places and transportation (even websites!), as well as to seek competitive employment.



The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project information table will be set up on **the Point Pleasant Beach Boardwalk** from **10AM - 2PM** on **FRIDAY, July 31, 2015**.

Location: Point Pleasant Beach Boardwalk between **Arnold Avenue** and **Central Avenue**

The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project's Governmental Affairs Ambassador Program

Make the choice to use your voice!

Who: All interested Self-Advocates & Support Staff

What: Governmental Affairs Ambassador Program
(GAAP) Legislative Advocacy workshop

Where: Center for Healthier Living, 108 Bilby Road,
Suite 101, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

When: Friday, August 14th, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Why: Self-Advocacy works! People with disabilities have the power to **affect change** and **education** decision makers about issues of importance.

Ambassadors who attend the workshop will:

- Learn about the **legislative** (law making) **process**
- Learn about the **rights** and **responsibilities** of being a Self-Advocate and Ambassador
- Learn about effectively **communicating** ideas, hopes, & needs to decision makers
- _Build advocacy, communication, and teamwork **skills!**

The **Governmental Affairs Ambassador Program** is a program dedicated to providing education to Self-Advocates and Support Staff about New Jersey's **legislative process** and how law makers influence **funding** for services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities statewide. Legislators are charged with making decisions that affect the daily lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, so it is crucial that these decision makers know the facts in order to make the **best possible choices**.

Pre-registration is required, so please e-mail
ARitchey@ArcNJ.org to reserve your spot!