

# Advocacy Matters

A digital newsletter produced by the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project

## HCBS Action Alert: NJSSAN Representatives Attend Department of Human Services Hearing

On Thursday, February 19th, representatives of the New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network gathered at the Department of Children and Families training facility in New Brunswick to discuss the proposed changes to the **Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)** system.

Home and Community Based Services and supports are provided by most state **Medicaid** programs. These supports, which may include help with bathing and dressing, are provided in a home or community setting.

For more information about the **changes** proposed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services and how you can provide **feedback**, visit the [NJSAP blog](#). To view more photos from the event, please visit the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) page.



February 2015

NJSSAN members Chris, Colleen, Evelyn, and Jennifer

# Official Registration Form

## The 10th Annual *Spring Into Action!* Statewide Self-Advocacy Luncheon

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015**

*The Imperia*

1714 Easton Avenue Somerset, NJ 08873

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

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

**Registration deadline is APRIL 3, 2015.**

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.**

First and Last Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Home/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Circle) Advocate Staff Other

\*I permit The Arc of New Jersey the free use of my name and picture in any film/videotape/  
brochure/newspaper or in reports and promotions of this event or future events.

**Please indicate any special dietary requests:**

**Vegetarian Meal**

**Chopped Meal**

**Other:**

**Fruit For Dessert**

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Conference Fee is **\$45.00** if your registration form is received after Friday, April 3, 2015.

**Please make checks payable to The Arc of New Jersey.**

**Mail All Registration Forms and Payment to the**

**Attention of: Christine Kenny, The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project**

**985 Livingston Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ 08902**

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Amex ( ) Master Card ( ) VISA ( ) Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Required) *Signature* x \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2015**

# **New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Regional Council Elections**

For members of the New Jersey  
Statewide Self-Advocacy Network,  
**Saturday, April 18, 2015** is Election Day!  
Members of the five regional NJSSAN Councils will  
elect a new Chair and Vice Chairperson for a  
**two year term.**

## **Requirements for Chairperson Nominees\*:**

- Choose a running mate (Vice Chair)
- Submit 2 letters of recommendation to NJSAP staff
- Submit a photo of yourself for the ballot
- You must attend the *Spring Into Action* Luncheon on Saturday, April 18.

## **Requirements for Vice Chairperson Nominees\*:**

- Choose a running mate (Chair)
- Submit 1 letter of recommendation to NJSAP staff
- Submit a photo of yourself for the ballot
- You must attend the *Spring Into Action* Luncheon on Saturday, April 18.

Before voting begins at the *Spring Into Action* on Saturday, April 18th, all Chair and Vice Chair nominees will have the opportunity to **campaign** (posters, buttons, stickers, etc.) and address the audience at the event and deliver a **1 minute campaign speech.**

All Council Chair and Vice Chair representatives must attend the monthly **NJSSAN Council meeting** in their region, as well as the monthly **Advisory Board** meeting in North Brunswick.

Questions? Please contact a member of the NJSAP team at  
732-246-2525, ext. 22 or [NJSAP@ArcNJ.org](mailto:NJSAP@ArcNJ.org)

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