It Starts With Us
April 15, 2023
The 17th Annual NJ Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Spring Luncheon
Welcome to our virtual event!
SCHEDULE

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM: Virtual Waiting Room
10:00 - 10:30 AM: Opening Remarks

Evelyn Ramundo, President, NJSSAN
Thomas Baffuto, Executive Director, The Arc of NJ
Kevin Sturges, President, The Arc of NJ Board of Directors
Erin Smithers, Director, NJ Self-Advocacy Project

10:30 - 10:45 AM: NJSSAN Council Updates

- Kevin Curtis White, Chair of Council 1
- Renee Pierce, Chair of Council 2
- Anita Clavering, Secretary for Council 3
- Pam King, Independent Advocate for Council 4
- Shondel Greenwood, Chair of Council 5

10:45 - 11:15 AM: Award Ceremony

11:15 AM - 11:55 PM: Exhibitor Hall

11:55 - 12:00 PM: Closing Remarks
The New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (NJSSAN) is made up of 5 regional Councils. All adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are welcome to attend NJSSAN Council meetings. We encourage and challenge group members to learn about their rights, get involved in advocacy events, and speak out about issues that affect their lives. For more information on each Council as well as past and upcoming events, contact the Advisor in your area.

**COUNCIL 1:**
Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex & Warren Counties
Advisor: Frankie Bayak

**COUNCIL 2:**
Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic & Union Counties
Advisor: Erin Smithers

**COUNCIL 3:**
Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean & Somerset Counties
Advisor: Bianca Rossell

**COUNCIL 4:**
Burlington, Camden, Gloucester & Salem Counties
Advisor: Frankie Bayak and Erin Smithers

**COUNCIL 5:**
Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland Counties
Advisor: Frankie Bayak and Erin Smithers

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Support the NJSSAN by purchasing a t-shirt!
The Key Contributor Award is given to a self-advocate who has shown outstanding dedication towards attending a variety of self-advocacy virtual programming over the past year. We present this award to Steven Knox for engaging so consistently in a wide array of activities.

The Jane Miller Memorial Leadership Award is reserved for a self-advocate who has demonstrated quality leadership, teamwork, and advocacy skills. We are delighted to present this award to Pam King for her exemplary leadership and years of work in the self-advocacy movement.
Prime Player Award
Brian & Fred Reichert

The Prime Player Award is given to self-advocates who have shown great creativity, enthusiasm, and team spirit during our weekly Brain Games sessions. We present this award to Brian and Fred Reichert for their patient, consistent and clever participation.

“Healthy Lifestyles Project” Hero Award
The Blue Light Music Program

The “Healthy Lifestyles Project” Hero Award is given to a self-advocate or supporter of self-advocacy for their contributions to our virtual programming for adults with IDD, made possible due to the “Healthy Lifestyles Project” grant generously awarded by The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. We present this award to The Blue Light Music Program for their incredibly fun and unique songwriting sessions on HLP: Live, including our new theme song.
Exhibitor Hall

Don’t forget to visit the virtual Exhibitor Hall during the event from 11:15 am - 11:55 am!

Exhibitor staff will be available to provide helpful handouts and information about their agencies.
Congrats as partners on this journey, we are proud to share a commitment to supporting people with disabilities.
The NJCDD is committed to advancing public policy and systems change that helps people with developmental disabilities gain more control over their lives.

The council identifies the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities such as housing, employment, transportation, services, and supports systems.
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