

# New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



The NJSSAN supports people with disabilities to be their own advocates and to know their rights and responsibilities. We work on a variety of issues such as Person First Language, public outreach, advocating for improved transportation, promoting healthy living, voting, governmental affairs, and fundraising. The NJSSAN is dedicated to gaining respect and equal rights for all people with disabilities and to support them to live and thrive in the community.

Our meetings are open to anyone who would like to join us. Please call or email to get the current calendar for your area as well as events updates!

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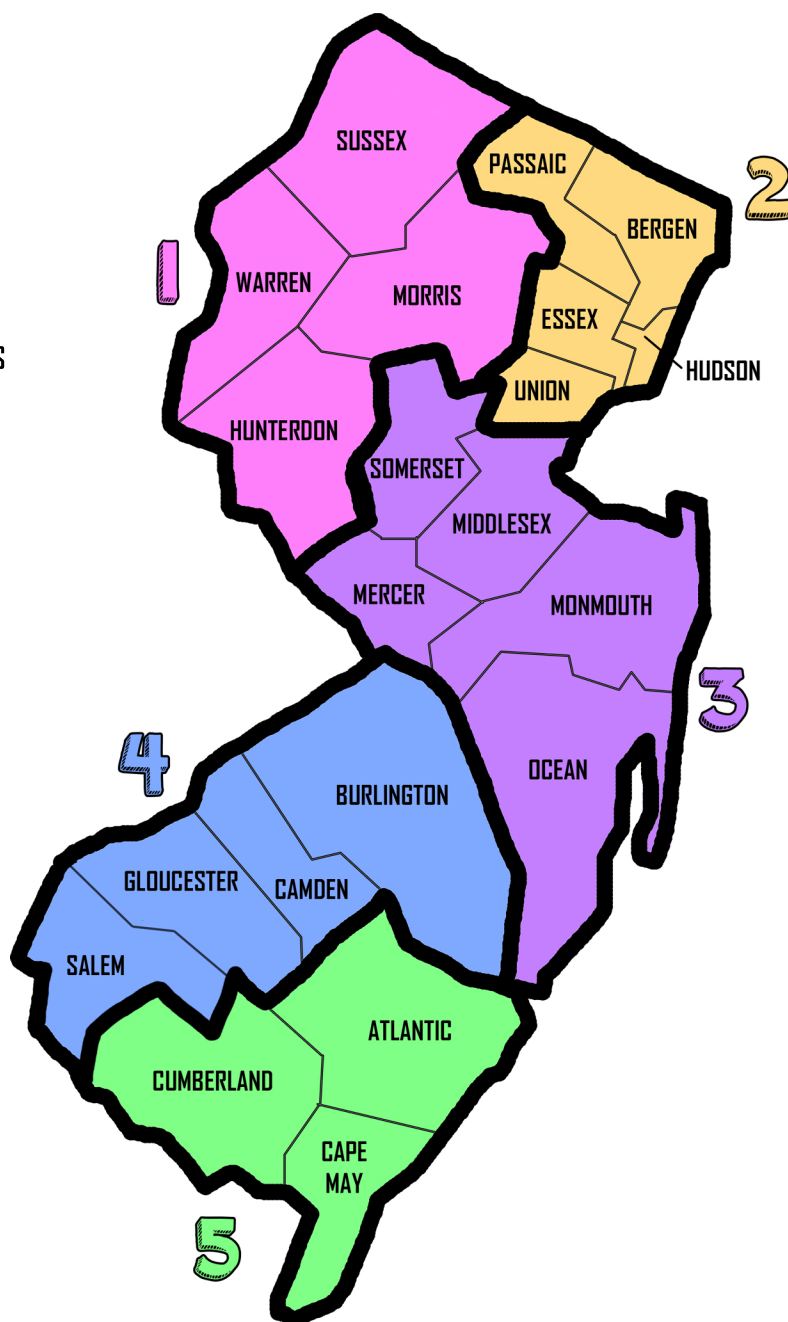
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**Self-advocacy means  
“Speak up!”**