



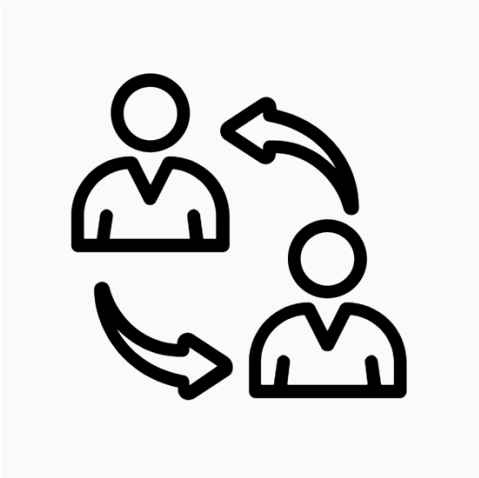
The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State



Position Paper for 2020



Theme: Stepping Up and Never Stepping Back



Self-Advocates have seen many changes to their services and supports



Self-advocates worry that these changes will make things worse



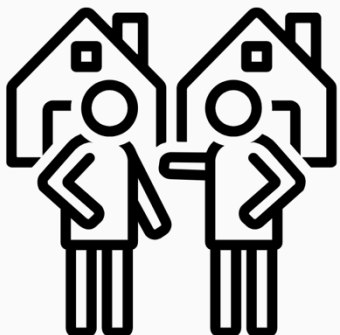
We ask people to make decisions that move us forward, not backwards



The Governor has made a team called the Medicaid Redesign Team to make decisions about budget cuts



We want to make sure the team includes people with disabilities



We also want the team to know about the successes people have had living in the community



People with disabilities want housing that is affordable



The state has given some money to group homes



We also know that many people want to live in the community more independently



People with disabilities
want to choose what they
do with their days



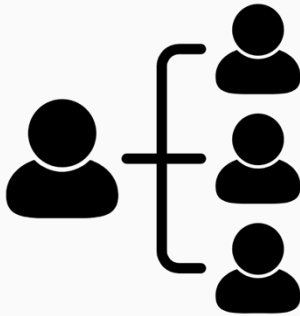
People want paying jobs



People want to learn



People want to be part of
the community



We believe that self-direction works



We also know that self-direction saves more money than some other services



We worry that budget cuts may hurt people in self-direction and force them back into bad situations

#3for5



Self-advocates support the 3for5 campaign

We want the government to give more money for services and supports

We want more money to go to pay Direct Support Professionals



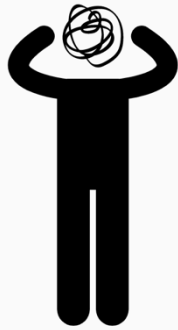
People with developmental disabilities want more and better transportation



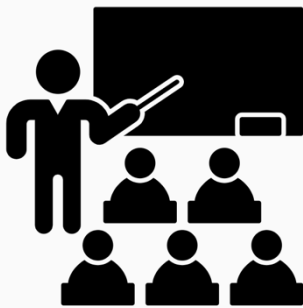
Transportation is an important way to be part of our communities



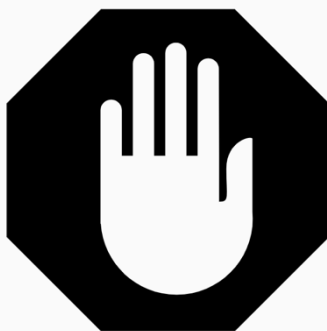
We also want to be more involved in planning for transportation



Many self-advocates found the transition to Care Coordination confusing



Self-advocates want to know a lot more about Managed Care before it happens



We believe this process should slow down



We want more politicians to meet us in our communities



Self-Advocates are excited to vote



Having our representatives listen to us helps us be a part of government



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