

Never Doubt That a Small Group of Thoughtful, Committed Citizens Can Change the World

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THE ALLIANCE
FOR
CITIZEN DIRECTED SUPPORTS

Self-Direction Workshop: Choice In Action ~ Lombard, IL
Thank you so much for this opportunity Applied Self-Direction!

Welcome!!

- Thank you!
- Together
- What Happens
- Why is this important



The Alliance for Citizen Directed Supports

- People want to be in charge of their own lives. There has been a dramatic shift in the manner in which people who use public services are expecting to be supported.
- This competes with the system set up *for* people with disabilities, we need support and assistance and the Alliance for Citizen Directed Supports was established in April 2017 in response to this.
- We are the kind of membership organization, being organized by cause not constituency.

YOU!!

Before and After



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the ESSENTIALS

- Freedom of Expression *for real*
- Reading between the lines, calling it out *and...*
- We already have what we need
- We are ready and able
- We want to be together

Safe Forum for Expression

- What we really mean...
 - No, what we really mean
 - There's a big difference between what's happening and what we are "talking about" and then once we get that ~ we need that too
- With assertiveness
- Without explanation or defense
- Who decides to compromise
- Popularity
- Anger, rage, fear... might be the driving force and that's ok....



People are already ready and able

- Living or working from this premise is quite different isn't it?
- Some of the “tools” are inherent and they seem extremely commonsensical.
- The Alliance advocates for the freedom and civil rights of people with disabilities and takes action against anything that limits opportunity and choice.



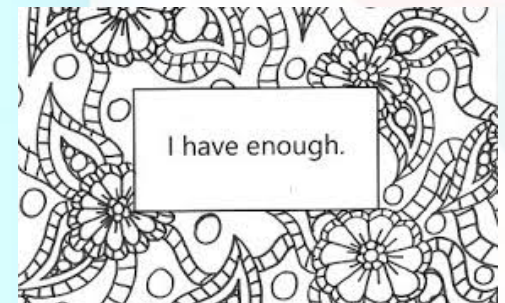
We “do it”!

- Well... no you don't ...
- The acceptance of segregation and approach to services is commonplace and unrecognizable to many. The fine detail that really makes the difference?
 - Intentional Communities
 - Inclusion ~ all of the ways...
 - We found a vocational placement for ...
 - I have identified 4 people I think would be candidates for.....
 - Yes, you can self direct your services when you...
- And you can and people WILL help!



We Have What We Need...

- Our communities and neighborhoods have what is needed
- The system is abundant
- We aren't in need of tools and approaches for purchase
- We are in need of a way... and sometimes often that means getting something or someone out of the way
- Chaordic... is more than ok



People Want to Be Together

- Working harder alone is not enough *says Sylvia.*
- Being at the table...
- You are on the inside...
- Confidence and strength
- When I found my tribe...
- I never thought I could...
- The real impact of Self Direction



Why are people joining The Alliance for Citizen Directed Supports

- Making changes
- The collective
- Shared values and execution
- Membership Perks



Make it Happen

- Do all people have a voice?
- Do all people have a say in action?
- The coalitions are important and essential ~
what's your role?



Next - Now

- Make it happen in your state, in your organization, through your service deliver, in your life...
- What can you or your team do to provide the path to innovation ~ to what we should really call *a life of one's own design*



Things you may already know about

- [Who Do You Choose To Be? Restoring Leadership as a Noble Profession](#)
~ Margaret Wheatley, May 23rd from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. EDT
[The Tamarack Institute](#)
- [The Art of Hosting](#)
- [The Alliance for Citizen Directed Supports](#)



Thank you!!

The **Alliance for Citizen Directed Supports** is one of the leaders in the (inter)national movement toward individualized supports that are led by people themselves, with their chosen allies. We welcome all who share these values and vision and are committed to the mission--we believe this is you, as participants of this conference!



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