



Systems Advocacy Committee (SAC) Workplan FY 2009-2010



Goal : To identify areas of need for systems change in RI to encourage effective service delivery models for people with developmental disabilities and their families which foster:

- ❑ *Increased levels of independence*
- ❑ *Achievement of maximum potential*
- ❑ *Improved quality of life*
- ❑ *Meaningful employment opportunities*
- ❑ *Promotion of human rights*

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Objective	Action Steps	Primary Person(s) Responsible	Starting Timeframe for Implementation	Completion Date
To coordinate the development of a cross-disability, statewide, self-advocacy initiative to respond to currently identified and emerging issues for people with developmental disabilities on the local and state level.	<i>Identify key groups/organizations with leadership involving people with various types of disabilities</i>	<i>Christine Singleton, Christina Battista, Sue Babin and members of the SAC</i>	<i>July 2009</i>	<i>July 2009</i>
	<i>Convene a statewide meeting of key persons from these self-advocacy organizations in RI. Discuss opportunities for sharing information, collaboration and building leadership capacity. Identify common areas of concern and other emerging issues affecting people with disabilities at the local and national level. Explore strategies for working collaboratively on key priority issues</i>		<i>September 2009</i>	
	<i>Share findings with SAC for input and identification of next action steps</i>	<i>SAC</i>	<i>November 2009</i>	
Annually identify 3-5 priority emerging issues involving people with developmental disabilities and their families for system advocacy.	<i>Review Legislation submitted in RI relating to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families</i>	<i>Robert Marshall</i>	<i>January 2009</i>	<i>June 2009</i>
	<i>Monitor the status of the RI Global Waiver, other public policies affecting individuals with disabilities and their families in RI and advocate for any necessary changes</i>	<i>Robert Marshall</i>	<i>January 2009</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
	<i>Monitor status of State Budget and Supplemental Budgets and analyze impact on people with developmental disabilities</i>	<i>Robert Marshall and Kathy Bello</i>	<i>February 2009</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
	<i>Present summary of information on legislation, Waiver and State Budget to SAC for input and recommendations</i>	<i>Bob Marshall and SAC</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>June 2009</i>

	<p><i>for next steps</i></p> <p><i>Review local/national materials for promoting the human rights of people with developmental disabilities and adopt a “Bill Of Rights” for the DDC to promote.</i></p> <p><i>Identify strategies for preventing abuse, specifically focusing on sexual abuse and financial exploitation and develop informational materials for people with disabilities and their families specifically in the area of preventive actions</i></p> <p><i>Conduct national research on Micro-Boards</i></p> <p><i>Conduct national research on “Easy Living Homes” and present research findings to SAC and full Council</i></p>	<p><i>SAC, Sue Babin and Linda Marrocco</i></p> <p><i>SAC and Linda Marrocco</i></p> <p><i>Robert Marshall</i></p> <p><i>Robert Marshall and SAC</i></p>	<p><i>May 2009</i></p> <p><i>May 2009</i></p> <p><i>January 2009</i></p> <p><i>May/June 2009</i></p>	<p><i>June 2009</i></p> <p><i>February 2009</i></p> <p><i>June 2009</i></p>
<p>Continue the collaborative working group comprised of the DD network Agencies: RIDDC, RI Disability Law Center (RIDLC) and Paul Sherlock Center (UCEDD) and other advocacy organizations.</p>	<p><i>Identify areas for continued collaboration:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Organize a Super Saturday Tax Day for people with disabilities for free tax assistance and identification of eligibility of Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)</i> ○ <i>Develop information/materials on Asset Development and post to RIDDC website</i> ○ <i>Organize a statewide Asset Development Conference</i> ○ <i>Obtain input from SAC and Executive Committee to identify other topics on Asset Development for continued DDC and Network project activities and public awareness</i> 	<p><i>Mary Okero and Sue Babin</i></p> <p><i>Sue Babin/Dan Caley</i></p> <p><i>Sue Babin</i></p> <p><i>SAC, Executive Committee and Network Partners</i></p>	<p><i>March 2009</i></p> <p><i>April 2009</i></p> <p><i>June 2009</i></p> <p><i>July/August 2009</i></p>	<p><i>March 2009</i></p> <p><i>August 2009</i></p> <p><i>June 2009</i></p> <p><i>August 2009</i></p>