## 23rd Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference

Friday - Saturday, May 4 - 5, 2018 Sacramento, CA

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors of:

Association of Regional Center Agencies Department of Developmental Services

Department of Education
Department of Mental Health
Department of Rehabilitation

Disability Rights California

Regional Centers State Council on Developmental Disabilities

State Developmental Centers

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FROM: Conference Planning Committee

RE: 23rd Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference

May 4-5, 2018

Sacramento, California

DATE December 15, 2017

Enclosed are copies of the "Save the Date" flyer and application form for conference presenters for the Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference - with 2018 theme "Advocacy Rocks" - which will be held at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento** on May 4-5, 2018. The Conference Planning Committee would appreciate your assistance at this time in both distributing the enclosed information and in recruiting conference sessions. Please note the deadline for self-advocates to submit applications to present at the conference is December 20, 2017, but has been extended to January 5th, 2018.

Thank you very much for your assistance in distributing this initial conference information. Your Agency's participation once again in the early stages of the planning process will help to ensure that this year's conference will truly be a collaborative, statewide effort. If you have questions or would like further information about the conference, please feel free to contact the Supported Life Institute office at (916) 567-1974 x 200



Save These Dates!!!

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Friday & Saturday May 4 - 5, 2018

~ Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento ~ "Advocacy Rocks"



### Registration materials coming in March!

Over 400 people attended statewide last May for:
Self-Advocacy and Peer Advocacy Learning
Networking with Self-Advocates from all over CA
PLUS

Leaders from Nevada and other Western States

# Want to be a Conference Session Speaker? <u>Apply by December 20th, 2017</u>

Self-Advocates from throughout California plus nearby Western States are invited to apply, as Self-advocates are the session speakers.

Professionals or others can still play an important role by helping people practice, get ready to present, & be in the audience during sessions (though all must be registered to attend the conference).

#### Filling Out the Speaker Application Form? (see separate form)

To apply about a session:

1) complete both sides of the attached Speaker Application Form to tell us about the session you want to present

2) return it to us by fax or mail (or scan and email)

Please note that all conference Speakers and Helpers DO pay regular conference registration fees.