

Illinois Self-Advocates In The Lead I-SAIL

Self-Advocate Leader Application Form



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What is "Illinois Self-Advocates In The Lead" (I-SAIL)?

We will work with self-advocates to build a plan to create a statewide self-advocacy organization through the I-SAIL project. The project will last 22 months, starting in June 2006. It is funded by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. Our organization is the Self-Advocacy Leadership Network (SALN). The project will be managed by our staff.

We will work with a Planning Team made up of 16 self-advocates to do this work. This Team will:

- Talk to other self-advocates across Illinois about issues important to them,
- Collect and look at this information, and
- Develop a plan to form a statewide self-advocacy organization.

We will focus our work in the 8 Developmental Disability Networks. The results of this project will be presented to the Council at the end of the project.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for self-advocates to be on the Planning Team. There will be 16 self-advocates on the Team. This includes two self-advocates from each of the 8 Developmental Disability Networks, including the Greater Illinois (Northwest, North Central, Central, and Southern networks) and Metro (Chicago North, Chicago South, North Suburban and South Suburban) areas. Each team of two self-advocates will have one support person who will help them with their work. Those interested in this job must:

- Be able to work in a team
- Be able to listen to what others say
- Be able to travel overnight several times during the project
- Be able to or want to learn to use a computer and programs such as PowerPoint
- Be able to talk to people on the phone
- Be comfortable speaking in front of groups
- Like to work with different groups of people

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What is expected of you?

Self-advocate leaders will be expected to:

- Conduct individual interviews with other self-advocates.
- Lead group discussions.
- Make presentations.
- Tell us if you need any materials, copies, or travel arrangements made for you.
- Give out flyers advertising training and group sessions.
- Send necessary paperwork to us (such as, travel/meeting reimbursement forms, or monthly activity updates).
- Ask your team members or us for help when needed.
- Work a total of 240 hours during this project from June 2006 to March 2008.

What you get for being a Self-Advocate Leader?

- You will receive \$10.00/hour for your work. This totals \$2,400 for all the project work.
- You will be active in shaping the state-wide self-advocacy movement in Illinois.
- You will learn leadership skills.

How do I apply for this job?

It is easy! Just fill the two-page application form on page 3 and 4. Then fax it to Reena at 503-924-3789 or mail it to:

Reena Wagle
HSRI,
7420 SW Bridgeport Rd., Suite 210,
Portland, OR 97224

Return your application form and a resume by November 7, 2006. After reviewing your application we will call you to arrange a telephone interview at a time that works for you and SALN staff.

If you have any questions please call Reena at 503-924-3783 ext. 19 or e-mail at rwagle@hsri.org.

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2. What are some self-advocacy activities you have started or completed at a local, state or national level? Have you spoken in front of a group of people before?

3. What do self-determination and community integration mean to you?

4. Tell us why you think self-advocacy is important in Illinois.

5. What do you think are some of the biggest issues that are facing self-advocates who are living the life they want?

6. Give us the names and phone numbers of two people we can talk to about your skills and previous work experience.