



Self-Advocate Advisory Board Guidelines and Responsibilities

The Self-Advocate Advisory Board is a group of self-advocate advisors and experts who help our staff and Executive Board of Directors ensure that self-advocates are included as important participants and stakeholders in all areas of DSPNT programming.

The Self-Advocate Advisory Board will meet nine times a year and one representative, DSPNT's Donor Relations Assistant, will represent their ideas and activities at the Executive Board meetings. The Self-Advocate Advisory Board will plan and coordinate Teen Scene activities that include social and community give-back events.

The Self-Advocate Advisory Board will be comprised of 5-10 members that represent the population served through DSPNT. The DSPNT Donor Relations Assistant will act as Advisory Board President and will coordinate with DSPNT staff to recruit Self-Advocate Advisory Board members. Board members will serve a one-year term.

DSPNT understands that Self-Advocate Advisory Board members have many personal and professional responsibilities. The list below is not comprehensive but should serve as a good example of the commitment required to serve.

General Responsibilities:

- Actively participate in Self-Advocate Advisory Board meetings attending at least seven out of the nine meetings each year. Self-Advocate Advisory Board meetings will typically occur the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Accept and respond to emails regarding Self-Advocate Advisory Board activities.
- Participate in at least three Teen Scene activities during the year and serve as check-in and hosts of the event.
- Attend World Down Syndrome Day and the Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk.
- Help promote the agency and special events.
- Attend other special events as requested.
- Speak at events in the community to raise awareness of Down syndrome.