

INCLUSION AND ADVOCACY
IN
TRANSITION

There is only one way to look at things until someone shows us how to look at them with different eyes.

- Pablo Picasso

Inclusion doesn't begin or end in the classroom

- Education at the postsecondary level
 - *Social Life*
 - *Clubs and natural interests*
 - *Classes, certificates and degrees*
- Employment
 - *Real pay for real work*
- Housing
 - *Choice*
- Legislative Advocacy
 - *To make improvements*

COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND OUTCOMES

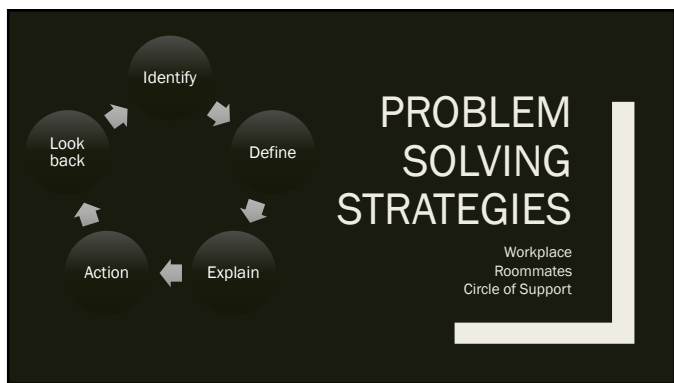
Completing a two year degree should result in employability.

EDUCATION: PERSONAL ADVOCACY

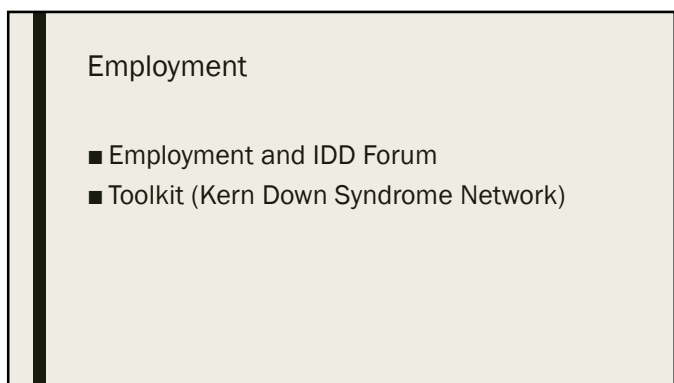
Transition to Independent Living Program

Personal Advocacy Curriculum


■ Freshmen Fall	■ Sophomore Fall
- History of Disability Rights	- Public Speaking emphasis
- Legal rights	- Practice for interviews
- Self-determination	
- Financial independence with ABLE	■ Spring
■ Spring	- Getting ready for graduation and independence
- Self-determination	- SSI
- Problem solving	







Employment and IDD Forum Toolkit



IDD FORUM TOOLKIT

BEFORE THE EVENT

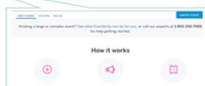
This could take weeks, or even months, depending on the resources, information, and funding available.

Set up session 1 date, time, and place. Select the most convenient time and place to reach as many people as possible including parents, staff, and participants. Consider the contact methods and methods to invite participants, specialists, and staff by making a list of preferred means of communication:

- Social media for people who still don't know the association/organization: Facebook groups and events, Instagram, or any other resource. This could help to target new participants or interested audiences.
- Email for professionals or community participants with a formal letter of invitation.
- A call or text for those who need to confirm attendance immediately like staff members, contributors, sound technicians, etc. Parents and other individuals who have participated before need to be contacted directly.

Reach to communities, organizations, individuals, or specialists that can engage and participate in the forum. Making sure that they can contribute to the purpose of the forum.


- Contact employers: chambers of commerce, employment agencies, etc.
- Business Community
- Contact media sponsors
- Job Coach or Employment Specialists/Coaches
- Use [Facebook](#) to invite, promote, and host events for large audiences.



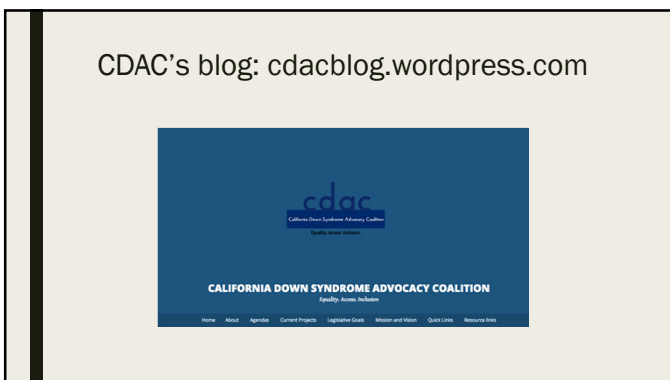
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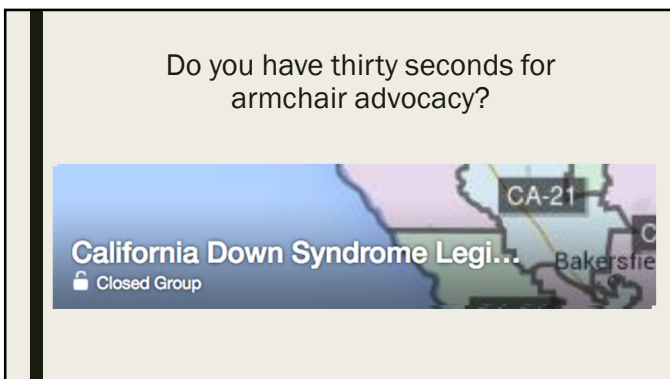
- Price
- Choice
- SSI

California Down Syndrome Advocacy Coalition









Federal Influence

53 Congressional Districts
 Republicans - 14
 Democrats - 38
 Independents - 0
 Vacant seats- 1



CalABLE, Improvements, and More



- Federal Improvements:
 - ABLE to Work
 - Rollover
 - Age adjustment
- State Improvements
 - Medical Clawback Removal Bill (SB 218)
 - Testimony March 29th (passed out of budget committee)
 - Looking for sponsors for tax-deduction bill
 - Work on State Department of Public Health Down syndrome information webpage

SELF-DETERMINATION

Department of Developmental Services, Person-centered planning (PCP) and Increasing Inclusion

Self-determination in California

- Seems like it's taking forever
- Pilot could begin this fall (yes, 2017)
- DDS funding - directly tied to Medicaid funding

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