BUILDING STRONG COALITIONS PART 3

Putting All Minds Together
Identifying your groups strengths and weaknesses
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Building Stronger Coalitions Toolkit
WHAT IS SARTAC?

• Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center

• Online clearinghouse for information

• A partnership between regional technical assistance centers

• Funded by Administration for Community Living
COALITION TOOLKIT

Part 3

• Recap of part 1 and 2
• Identify Your Strengths and Weaknesses
RECAP OF PART 1 AND 2

- Coalitions bring people together
- Work on a common goal
- Coalitions can work on short term or long-term goals

- Who should be part of your coalition
- They should include stakeholders, community leaders, and policymakers
• What do you bring to the table
• What are your strengths
• What are your weaknesses

• David helped build a coalition that included people with disabilities and LGBTQIA
• What do you bring to the table
• What are your strengths
• What are your weaknesses

• Kansas Leadership Center
• The center did not have people with disabilities at the beginning of their program
• I was part of the program at the beginning and they learned how to work with people with intellectual disabilities
• What do you bring to the table
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• People First of Georgia a self advocacy group had stories to share, no access to policymakers
• Georgia DD Council had connections with policymakers, they had no stories
• By working together, we were able to get a law passed
QUESTIONS: BEING PART OF A COALITION

If yes

• Who has been part of a coalition?
• What did you do in your coalition?
• What issue did you work on?
• Who was part of that coalition? And what did they do to support the coalition?

If not

• Who would you like to be on the coalition?
• Why would you want them to be involved?
• What strengths would you bring to the table?
HANDS ON ACTIVITY: SCENARIO

• **Step 1**: Pick a topic: voting, marriage equality, employment opportunity, Medicare, transportation

• **Step 2**: Create a coalition in small group (15 minutes)
What are your strengths and weaknesses?
Thank about what you are not so good at, who could you invite to the table to help you?

• **Step 3**: Report back to the large group on your discussion
What topic did your group pick, who would you invite, and why would you invite them?
RESOURCES

Resources for self advocacy groups can be found at www.selfadvocacyinfo.org
Find out more about the Self Advocacy Resources and Technical Assistance Center by visiting

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