BUILDING STRONG COALITIONS PART 4

Putting All Minds Together
If you are strong enough to be a member, sign on the dotted line
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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
RECAP OF PART 1, 2 AND 3

- 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
DEFINE THE ISSUE OR PROBLEM

• Not everyone in your coalition will have the same problems your group may have.
• That does not mean you should not work with each other.
• It is important to find one problem you can work on together.
MISSION OF THE COALITION

• A mission statement helps your coalition identify its purpose.

• Mission statements will also guide you in choosing your goals.

An example of a mission statement

"The Self Advocacy Coalition of Arizona believes in an inclusive society where people with disabilities can live independently in their own communities."
STRUCTURE OF THE COALITION

• How often will the group meet?
• Where will the group meet?
• What is expected from the coalition members?
• Will there be leadership roles in the coalition?
WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE COALITION MEMBERS?

Everyone should have something to do in your coalition

• Attend regular meetings
• Doing assignments
• Work together
Cheri Mitchell talks about member’s responsibilities and respecting people’s time.

• You have to show up
• You have to speak up
• If you say you are going to do something, do it
• If you have a problem, ask for help
• SARTAC members Bernard Baker, Brad Linnenkamp, Cheri Mitchell talk about what they have done in their coalitions to keep people interested in the group.

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKYIn-PktFw
QUESTIONS: BEING PART OF A COALITION

What did you think about the videos

• Do you have rules for your members?
• How did your group decide on what to work on?
• Do you have interactive discussions at your meeting?
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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