SARTAC Fellow
Advancing Self Advocacy through LEADERSHIP AND POLICY

SARTAC
Self Advocacy and Beyond
How to Apply for a SARTAC Fellowship
SARTAC Presenters

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What will we cover:

• What does SARTAC mean?
• What is the Fellowship?
• Who can be a Fellow?
• Who can be a Host?
• What will happen during your Fellowship?
What is SARTAC?

- Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center
- AoD-funded “Project of National Significance”
- National Resource Center
- Supports self-advocacy organizations across the country by providing quality resources and direct assistance to groups
Selfadvocacyinfo.org

Fellows’ page

selfadvocacyinfo.org/fellows
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SABE’s National Partners on SARTAC
Review Online Form and Info Packet
Materials we’re using today

Info packet
You will fill out the info packet and copy and paste it into the electronic form.

Online submission form
https://umkc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eDwjDKpqGRHBH4q
Deadline to Submit: January 9, 2024, 9 PM
What does SARTAC?

Visit www.selfadvocacyinfo.org for more information
What is the Fellowship?

- SARTAC Fellowship is a year-long self-advocacy project.
- Self-advocates will be able to develop and grow their skills.
- Create self-advocacy resources to share with other self-advocates.
Find Information about:

- Past Fellows & their Projects
- Past Host organizations
- Application Process and deadlines
Who can be a Fellow?

- Fellow is a person with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability
- Who has at least 3 years of leadership skills
- Who want to work on a project that will help the self-advocacy movement within their community or in their state
What is a Host?

- A Host is the Fellow's partner in the project.
- Host will provide direct staff support to help the Fellow meet their goals.
  - Staff experts to teach how to use a program like how to script a video and film
  - Setting goals and timelines
  - Assist with planning project action steps
  - Help with research
Who can be a Host?

- Civil Rights groups, non-profits, government, or education organizations, like:
  - State Developmental Disabilities Councils
  - Disability or Human Rights groups
  - Universities and colleges
  - Self-Advocacy or Disability Organizations
  - Community Organizations
What will happen during your Fellowship?

- Attending monthly meetings with other Fellows, Host, and Coordinators
- Attending trainings on plain language and easy read
- Submitting your invoices
- Turn in 3 quarterly reports to talk about the progress of your report
- Turn in final project presentation to let people know what you created
- Turn in Final products to be on the website
Project Ideas

- Plain language guides
- Teaching other self-advocates to speak up
- Access to affordable and accessible housing
- A guide on how to grow a state or local self-advocacy group
- Plan a training that helps self-advocates from different cultures and disabilities who have not had much help before
Application will open closed January 9, 2024, 9 pm ET

You will be contacted by February 14, 2024, to know if you have been select to be a Fellow

You can always reach out to cunninghamcan@umkc.edu to talk about any ideas or any questions
Other Resources
Getting familiar with SARTAC website and resources

Visit the SARTAC website [https://www.selfadvocacyinfo.org](https://www.selfadvocacyinfo.org)
Getting familiar with SARTAC website and resources

There are at least 4 different ways you can search for resources.
Getting familiar with SARTAC website and resources

The 4th way to open the Fellow Section, which is under "About"
Getting familiar with SARTAC website and resources

Then click on one the fellow for example Jeff Johnson
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Click here to see Jeff's resources

SARTAC Fellows 2019-2020

Jeff Johnson: SARTAC Fellow from Columbia, Missouri
Fellowship project: "Confronting Segregated Education and the School to Prison Pipeline"
Jeff moved to Columbia, Missouri after high school. He is married with four children. Jeff is president of People First of Boone County and an Advocacy Specialist at the Missouri Department of Mental Health. He trains others on topics like abuse and neglect, sexuality and relationships, social capital, self-advocacy, self-determination, disability awareness, rights and responsibilities, and Person Centered Planning. Jeff is currently enrolled at Missouri Area Community College, working on a degree in Political Science and Legal Studies to help people with developmental disabilities in the community. Jeff and his self-advocacy group members believe too many students with intellectual and developmental disabilities are being taken out of regular education classrooms due to "behaviors" especially students of color. When students are segregated, they do not get the same chances to learn and make friends. Sometimes this causes them to get into trouble again and again, which can lead schools to call police. This sets a negative pattern and is called the "school to prison pipeline." The project will look at how big the problem is, do a local survey, find out what has helped, learn about things under the law, develop a resource toolkit for families, students, and advocates, and create a PowerPoint presentation.

Jeff is a Fellow at People First of Boone County and Boone County Family Resources in Missouri. 

★ Jeff spent his Fellowship year creating resources for families to use when confronting Segregated Education and the School to Prison Pipeline. Click here to see Jeff's resources.
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- Then hit subscribe
- Then it will tell you to wait
- In your email you will see SARTAC it will say Month Schedule of SARTAC Zoom Meetings for Self-Advocates
www.facebook.com/SARTAC1
The first group of training will be for Government Agencies
See mail and work plan for more details
The 2nd Group of training will be for self-advocates
Thank you

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