NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR SELF-ADVOCACY (NRCSA)

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SABE’s mission since its formation in 1990 has been to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in speaking up for themselves on issues that impact their lives.

SABE is comprised of elected board members from all over the country. There are 8 regional areas, which all elect representation.
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closing institutions
definition of institutions
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Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) will lead the effort as part of a $2 million, five-year cooperative agreement funded by ACL under the Administration on Disabilities as an AIDD Project of National Significance. Partner organizations on the new resource center include:

**Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)**  
**Green Mountain Self Advocates (GMSA)**  
**Heartland Self-Advocacy Resource Network (HSRN)**  
**North East Advocates Together (NEAT)**  
**Pacific Alliance**  
**Project Action!**  
**Our Communities Standing Strong (OCSS)**  
**Southwest Alliance**  
**Southwest Institute for Families and Children (SWI)**  
**TASH**  
**University of Missouri-Kansas City Institute for Human Development (UCEDD) (UMKC-IHD)**
“The people affected by policy should have the greatest voice in developing it, with this grant, ACL aims to make this ideal more of a reality for people with disabilities.”

Katherine Cargill-Willis, AIDD.

Following a series of regional Self-Advocacy Summits convened five years ago, the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, which is now part of the Administration on Disabilities within the Administration for Community Living, funded six technical assistance projects to support self-advocacy and share information.

This new national resource center continues the mission of developing self-advocacy resources across the U.S., and will work during the next five years to:
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- Compile resources, best practices, training curriculum, and success stories for an online clearinghouse accessible to the public;
- Research the history of the self-advocacy and other civil rights movements to understand their evolution, leadership, and best practices to produce a report and webinar on the findings;
- Provide training and technical assistance to new entities in addition to the established more than 1,000 self-advocacy organizations across the nation for advising, building consensus, recruiting youth, supporting grant writing, developing leaders, and more; and
- Establish a fellowship through mini-grants to disability organizations to create disability fellowships that offer leadership development and employment opportunities for fellows.
THE CENTER WILL COLLABORATE WITH A DIVERSE RANGE OF ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING SELF-ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, DISABILITY-RELATED NONPROFITS, UNIVERSITIES, STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND OTHERS TO ACHIEVE THE GRANT GOALS.
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