



Title: Going Home Coalition Campaign Leader

The Arc of Illinois is looking for a two-year campaign leader to move forward the goals of the Going Home Coalition (GHC). The GHC is a statewide network of people with disabilities, families and community organizations, working to transform Illinois' disability system to create truly person centered programs and systems that ensure people with disabilities live full lives in Illinois communities. The campaign leader will work to grow and strengthen the coalition as well as support advocacy efforts towards systems change. Responsibilities include running meetings, building the coalition and staying connected with coalition partners and decisionmakers in Illinois disability policy.

Specific Duties:

- Recruit and engage and mentor potential coalition members (e.g., people currently receiving services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities or on the waiting list for services)
- Co-lead monthly coalition meetings and help make the things talked about at the meeting happen
- Educate, train and engage people with disabilities in public policy and systems change advocacy through relationship building
- Support self advocates and allies so they can speak about their lived experiences and desires to live in the community with other advocates and decisionmakers (for example , Speak Up and Speak Out, legislative meetings and remote regional meetings)
- Lead meetings between self advocates and legislators and/or administrative officials
- Co-lead the Annual Going Home Advocacy Day, including recruiting speakers for the press conference and rally.

Qualifications

- At least one year of experience in public policy
- Demonstrated ability to build and sustain coalitions and bring together people with diverse lived experiences toward a common goal

- Experience in outreach and training of people with disabilities about their rights
- Knowledge of community organizing
- Strong verbal and written communications skills
- Lived experience with disability and/or experience in creating access/inclusion for people with various disabilities is strongly preferred.

Funding by a three-year grant from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, this is a part-time exempt position with a minimum of 10 hours per week at a rate of \$15/hour. The campaign leader will work remotely. The Going Home Coalition Manager will supervise the role, with a one-time bi-annual performance review and an annual performance review on the anniversary of the leader's start date.

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