SPHARC “Coffee Talk”
Kids As Self Advocates: Giving Youth a Platform to Lead

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Agenda

• Welcome
• Expert Coffee Talk: Kids As Self Advocates
• Q&A / Discussion
• Evaluation / Adjourn
Kids As Self Advocates (KASA) is a national, grassroots project of Family Voices created by youth with disabilities for youth. We are teens and young adults with disabilities speaking out. KASA knows youth can make choices and advocate for themselves if they have the information and support they need.

As leaders in our communities we:

- help spread helpful, positive information among our peers to increase knowledge around various issues.
- help health care professionals, policymakers and other adults in our communities understand what it is like to live our lives
- participate in discussions about how to help each other succeed.

http://www.fvkasa.org
• KASA Board is made up of 6-9 Youth and Young Adults ages 13 to 27.
• The board has three open board positions; particularly looking diverse members
• Qualities we seek in board members:
  ➢ Previous experience in leadership roles
  ➢ A desire to be part of a national board to help improve the lives of people with disabilities
  ➢ Strong written and verbal communication skills
  ➢ An ability to work in small groups
KASA is currently involved in leadership and advocacy development initiatives to help young people by:

- Serving on other national boards including: The Got Transition Youth Advisory Board, and the Family Voices Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Expanding KASA social media presence in order to interact with more young people nationwide.
- Available as speakers at training events:
  - As speakers at conferences
  - Co-sponsoring webinars
KASA’s partnership with the National Center for Family and Professional Partnerships, (NCFPP).
Regional trainings to provide 2 day trainings for youth and family leaders.

• **Serving on Groups**: specifically targeted to family-led organizations who build leadership of diverse families to work at a systems level

• **Leading by Convening**: an interactive workshop, particularly targeted to leaders of groups, to improve skills to: engage all team members, including diverse parents at a policy level

FMI and a schedule of trainings:
http://www.fv-ncfpp.org/activities/building-partnership-skills/
KASA is partnering with National Center for Family/Professional Partnership (NCFPP), in collaboration with the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network, and Youth MOVE, to offer a 3-part webinar series for youth and young adults only.

**Working with Adult Allies**, on May 16, 2017, 7:30 – 8:30pm ET. Savannah Logsdon-Breakstone from the Autistic Self Advocacy Network explores how youth self-advocates and adult allies can collaborate effectively.

**Register at:**
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8LYH3BJ

Click below for recordings of the first 2 webinars in the series:
- *Participating in Advisory Groups*
- *Telling Your Story for a Public Policy Purpose*
Best Resources

KASA Resources: 60 tip sheets and guides written for youth, by youth!

- Leading a Meeting
  http://fvkasa.org/resources/files/civil-meeting.pdf

- Advocacy and Why it’s Important
  http://fvkasa.org/resources/files/civil-advocacy-imp.pdf

- An Advocate Is
  http://fvkasa.org/resources/files/civil-advocate-is.pdf
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Q&A/Discussion

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Let’s hear from you!

• Let’s hear from you!
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  – Share a success, resource or challenge
  – Share a technical need or next steps that would be helpful to you
Thank You!

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Employment and Autism
May 11th 2-2:30pm ET
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