

- Get Involved in Advocacy -

There are many ways you can get involved in advocacy through the Medina County Board of DD. Read below to learn about our current Advocacy programs.

Advocacy Meetings



All individuals with disabilities have the right to take control of their lives, speak up for themselves, and make their own life decisions. Each month, Advocacy Meetings give attendees a great opportunity to learn, share, and grow as advocates for themselves and for others. Meetings

are held virtually, in-person, or in a hybrid format, depending on the month's activity. At each meeting, advocates will discuss upcoming local events and opportunities to get involved, engage in short lessons and group discussions, and occasionally participate in hands-on activities or enjoy special guest speakers.

Leadership Academy



Do you want your opinions, ideas and thoughts to be recognized in decisions in our community? The Leadership Academy is a six month training opportunity for people with developmental disabilities (ages 18 and over) to learn and

develop important leadership and advocacy skills to help become more involved in leadership roles in the community.

People Together



In an effort to promote inclusion and understanding, the People Together program encourages advocates to meet with students at local schools to present on ways they can be inclusive and kind to all people. Advocates will talk to students about their disability, as well as obstacles they have faced and overcome. In this program, advocates are encouraged to showcase ways they are similar to students, through their likes, dislikes, employment, extracurricular activities, and more.

Speakers Bureau



Advocates who participate in the Speakers Bureau program are committed to teaching people without disabilities about being inclusive, seeing ability first, and helping start important conversations. The Advocacy Speakers Bureau presents to a wide variety of groups, including businesses, church groups, senior citizen groups, specialty groups (i.e. Boy Scouts, Book Clubs, Kiwanis, etc.) and more.



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