

SELF-ADVOCACY:
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KNOW WHAT YOU NEED.
KNOW HOW TO GET IT!

Nothing ABOUT Without Us



RI's 21st Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference
Thursday, October 27th, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza



CONFERENCE NEWS YOU CAN USE!

This year's conference is about INCLUSION and EQUALITY. Inclusion means that people who have a disability should live, work, and spend their time in the community, alongside people who don't. Equality means, hey, we're all more alike than different, so let's respect, value and accept everyone.

At *Nothing About Us Without Us*, more than 325 attendees will come together for a day of listening, learning, sharing, and fun. There are 18 different workshop presentations on the agenda with topics that include Bullying, Community Integration, Dating, Employment, Guardianship, Person-Centered Planning, Money Management, Self-Directed Supports, Shared Living Arrangements, Transportation, Voting and more. Get ready to be inspired and to leave feeling empowered!



Nothing About Us Without Us
Begins at 8:15am - Ends at 10:00pm



9:00
AM

Conference Day registration is 8:15 - 9:15am. Coffee and pastry will be served during this time. Check-in by 9:00am to get your free ticket for the *Early Bird Raffle*. Winners will be announced at lunch. You must be present to claim your prize if you win.



6:00
PM

Dinner Dance registration is 5:30 - 6:00pm. This is for NIGHT ONLY attendees. If you already registered for the day and night, you don't need to do it again. The cash bar that is scheduled for the evening will open during this time.



Get psyched for *Power Hour Plus* from 4:00 - 5:00pm! We have a lot of fun lined up during this time. Activities will include music, dancing, the *StoryCorp* recording booth, face painting, *Colors for a Cause*, and a concert performance by the Rhode Island musical sensation *Blind Faith*.



Stay until 5:00pm for your chance to win a prize! Everyone who attends the conference day will get a free ticket to our Power Hour Plus Raffle. Winners must be present to claim their prize during this time.

Wear Your Costume at night! Everyone who arrives in costume will get a free ticket for our "Masked Arrival" Raffle. There will be multiple chances to win throughout the dinner dance. You must be present to claim your prize.

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>>> Hotel Information <<<

The Crowne Plaza

801 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886

Phone: 401-732-6000

Check-In: 3:00pm • Check-Out: 11:00am



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Thursday, Oct. 27th, 2016



8:15am - 9:15am
Day Registration

Raffle Ends at 9:00am

9:00
AM



9:30am - 10:45am
Opening Session

Get Your Nothing About Us Without Us Musical Keynote CD!!!



11:00am - 12:00pm
Workshop Presentations
6 Sessions - Your Choice



12:15pm - 1:30pm
Award Luncheon
Early Bird Raffle Winners



1:45pm - 2:45pm
Workshop Sessions
6 Sessions - Your Choice



3:00pm - 4:00pm
Workshop Sessions
6 Sessions - Your Choice



4:00pm - 5:00pm
Power Hour Plus!
Afternoon Refreshments
Blind Faith in Concert
Colors for a Cause Dancers
StoryCorp Recording



Stay Until 5:00, You Could Win a Prize!



5:30pm - 6:00pm
Evening Registration

Come in Costume to Enter Our "Masked-Arrive" Raffle!

6:00
PM



6:00pm - 10:00pm
Costume Dinner Dance

Stay until 10:00 for Dinner, Dancing and the "Masked-Arrival" Raffle!



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Tip for Attendees

From the 2016 Conference Planning Committee

Bring a photo ID

If you are staying overnight, you may need to show this at check-in, or if you get locked out of your room.

Plan Your Schedule Ahead of Time

Share the schedule with whoever is helping you get there or double check the bus schedule and RIDE. Don't wait until the last minute to find out if you need a ride.

Be Prepared with Your Medication

Bring any medication that you need to take during the conference so you don't have to leave early. If you're carpooling, ask your friends to do this, too!

Bring Some Money for Any of the Following

- Meals, snacks & drinks that are not part of your conference registration. This includes money for a cash bar that will be open during the dinner dance. FYI: soda is NOT served at the conference meals, but you can buy it in the hotel if needed.
- Money for the conference sales table. We will have zip-up hooded sweatshirts, T-shirts, bracelets, hats and other items on sale this year. Prices range from \$5.00 - \$25.00.

A Credit Card is Optional

If you are staying overnight, you only need to give the hotel your credit card if you want to charge things to your room. Hotel restaurant, the cash bar and the conference sales table also accept credit cards. It's up to you!

Emergency Contact Information

Bring the name and phone number of someone you can call if you have any support needs during the Conference. Advocates in Action cannot provide personal support assistance or contact information for each attendee.

Bring a Costume to the Dinner Dance

Hey, it's a masquerade party ... and we will be giving out a lot of prizes! Get ready to have some FUN!

*We hope this information is helpful.
See you on Thursday, October 27th for
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