



Rhode Island's 23rd Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference

Thursday, October 25th, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick

SUGGESTIONS FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Your presentation at this year's conference should empower people to **ASK A REASONABLE QUESTION**, and **EXPECT A REASONABLE ANSWER!** While every situation is different, in general, adults who have a developmental disability have the right to make an informed choice, even if others around them disagree. Meanwhile, for teenagers who will be attending this year's conference this is especially important, as they begin to make the transition into the adult world.

Here are some possible topics. These are only suggestions. Speak about what you know!

WHY NOT: Do something different/"off the menu" during your day?!?

WHY NOT: Decide what matters most to YOU and pick your own priorities?!?

WHY NOT: Be prepared to face every day challenges?!?

WHY NOT: Discover some of the cool things your peers are already doing it?!?

WHY NOT: Learn about your rights, and the responsibilities that go with them?!?

WHY NOT: Give something back to your community?!?

WHY NOT: Try something new?!?

WHY NOT: Be a regular at your local coffee shop?!?

WHY NOT: Get a job, start your own business?!?

WHY NOT: Go to college?!?

WHY NOT: Choose WHERE you want to live, and WHO you want to live with?!?

WHY NOT: Be in a romantic relationship, have a significant other, get married?!?

WHY NOT: Register to vote?!?

WHY NOT: Make informed decisions about the way you want to live your life?!?



**Presentations are Due
Friday, Sept. 28th**

It's isn't about asking "WHY NOT?!?"

It's about being empowered to ask a reasonable question,
and expect a reasonable answer,
even if it isn't the one you wanted to hear.

After all, it's YOUR life! WHY NOT live it that way?



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