

ROTUNDA



DD SYSTEM FACT CHECKER & MYTHBUSTERS

Join *Anne LeClerc, RI Division of Developmental Disabilities* and *Sarah Lamirande, Advocates in Action RI* for this informal and informational session!

We will tackle some of the most Frequently Asked Questions that people have asked about the RI DD System and the individual supports that people receive.

We'll take questions from the audience, too. Let us Know What You Want to Know!

ATRIUM

NO FEAR GUIDELINES TO DATING

Bobby Macaux and Katie Lowe



Dating nowadays can make everyone a bit anxious, so we decided to talk about it and take away some of the stress.

This will be a conversation, with some information sharing and role plays for everyone who's interested.

RELAX!

You don't have to make a big deal out of it, or do anything that makes you uncomfortable. Fear Less, Date More!

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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

Presented By: Our Voice Count

This is a Celebration of how we have each walked thru our fears (and will continue to do so!).

We don't just "face our fears". We walk straight through them, with a vision of success, and in hopes of living our BEST LIFE!

Members of Our Voices Count Self-Advocacy will share stories of Inspiration and VICTORY, with Music, Audience Participation, FUN ... and maybe even some Dancing!

... Relationships ... Employment ... Self-Love and Acceptance ... Whatever Fears we've Faced, We've Supported each other and Walked Through.

>>We are ALL the Champions<<



TIVERTON



Have you ever noticed that many of the "monsters" in scary movies seem to have a disability, while the majority of villains are disfigured? Let's face it, you could probably count the total number of pretty goblins, witches, zombies & trolls you've seen on one hand.

Truth be told, that is not just a coincidence!

Disability History, Culture, folklore, & just plain superstition have helped shape our ideas about Halloween, and why we think some people are "ugly" or "scary looking".

As Self-Advocates, it's important for us to learn more about this so we can speak up and change those negative stereotypes. Many of us may look different, but that doesn't mean we look ugly!

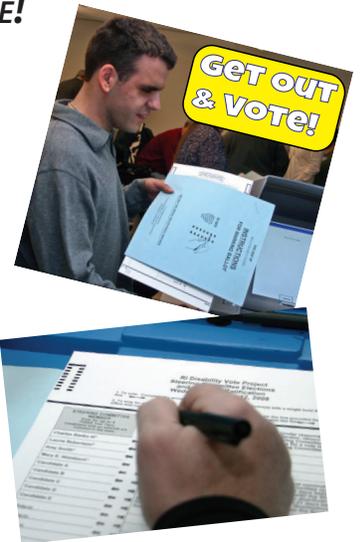
I hope you'll join me in this session so we can talk more about this.

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FEAR LESS: GET OUT AND VOTE MORE!

KATE BOWDEN, DAWN BURKE, JEFF CHRISTIE & FRIENDS FROM DISABILITY RIGHTS RI

Voting is an important way to make your voice heard. Learn about your voting rights, how to sign up to vote and the kinds of elections that will happen in the next year.



BRISTOLA

CREATING SAFE ACCESS IN WARWICK

Mark Susa



This is a true, real-world story about advocacy! Mark Susa noticed that many of the streets around him home in Warwick were a safety hazard for people who use a wheelchair like him. That meant that people who use things like baby carriages, bike & scooters couldn't use those streets, either.

He and his time got together and formed Access. Their mission is to mark any place that isn't accessible, and spread the word to others.

Mark has some other equally exciting news about Access Markers to share. We hope you'll attend his session at 3pm in Bristol A to find out!