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First-Ever National Resource Center for Self-Advocacy to Empower People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

This morning, the White House Design for All Showcase announced the first-ever ACL grant to establish a National Resource Center for Self-Advocacy to empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for enhancing their voice on issues important to their well-being and daily life.

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) will lead the effort in partnership with several organizations as part of a \$2 million, five-year cooperative agreement funded by ACL under the [Administration on Disabilities](#) as an AIDD [Project of National Significance](#).

This new national resource center continues the mission of developing self-advocacy resources across the U.S. and will work during the next five years to:

- Compile resources, best practices, training curriculum, and success stories for an online clearinghouse accessible to the public;
- Research the history of the self-advocacy and other civil rights movements to understand their evolution, leadership, and best practices to produce a report and webinar on the findings;
- Provide training and technical assistance to new entities in addition to the established more than 1,000 self-advocacy organizations across the nation for advising, building consensus, recruiting youth, supporting grant writing, developing leaders, and more; and
- Establish a fellowship through mini-grants to disability organizations to create disability fellowships that offer leadership development and employment opportunities for fellows.

[Learn more about the resource center, the history of the self-advocacy movement, and the diverse partners who will be collaborating on this initiative.](#)

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