

A silhouette of a person in a wheelchair stands on a dark, rounded mound. The person's arms are raised in a 'V' shape, signifying triumph or achievement. The background is a vibrant, bright yellow with numerous thin, radiating lines emanating from behind the figure, creating a sunburst effect. The overall image conveys a sense of empowerment and success.

# Self-Advocacy



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Our Council is called, Our Voices Count, Too (OVCT). It is an organization ran by the people, of the people and for the people. It is a county-run group led by leaders with developmental disabilities. We meet to discuss the issues, speak out for ourselves, support each other; and most of all show everyone that we have abilities, too. Our independence is important to us, even if we make mistakes. We want risk, we want real lives and no more stolen lives.



What is the Self-Advocate Movement?

People standing up for their rights and speaking up for their beliefs. This movement is similar to the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's.

*Mission is.....RESPONSIBILITY.*

Respecting  
Educating  
Self-Advocacy for  
People thru  
Outcomes  
Needs and  
Sharing our Spirit  
Image  
Believing in Ourselves  
Independent  
Lives of  
Individuality and building  
Trust in  
Your voice to be heard.

RESPONSIBILITY





## VISION

To be an issue driven self-advocacy group that is promoting independence, speaking for ourselves, and challenging others to join the crusade of empowerment of achieving personal fulfillment.





**What are our expectations as a member?**

- ✓ **Members are to support the mission and vision and purpose.**
- ✓ **Advocate for themselves and others.**
- ✓ **Stand strong on the issues.**
- ✓ **Speaking up**
- ✓ **Equal Rights**
- ✓ **Promote values of diversity inclusion.**

National Theme:  
Nothing About Us, Without Us!





# What can we offer communities and organizations?

Our leadership  
Keynote Speaking  
Workshops & Training  
Consultation for start-up group  
Resources  
Sustainability of group





# Projects

## **Past Projects**

**Hosted 1<sup>st</sup> Self-Advocacy Conference for SC “Carolina’s Self-Advocacy Conference”**

**Debate Event**

**Our Community Standing Strong (OCSS) for Southern states: Co-chairman**

**Video Blogging**

**Voter Project**

**People First Language Campaign**

**Disability Advocacy Day**



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