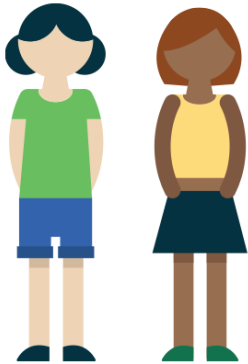


# Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition

OSAC's mission is to engage communities in advocating for the rights of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

"Nothing About Us,  
Without Us!"

## What is OSAC?



OSAC is a statewide organization made up of 18 local self advocacy groups across Oregon.

- We work hard in our communities to speak up for our own rights and the rights of other people with disabilities
- We work together to make sure people can live the life they want in the community with the support they need
- We support local self advocacy groups to take action in their communities

## What are OSAC's priorities?



OSAC has identified two areas - Employment and Health Care - to focus its policy advocacy work.

- We believe people should have living wage jobs in their communities
- We believe people should have the right to good quality, affordable health care services

OSAC brings together self-advocates to have a unified voice about issues that affect our lives.

## OSAC Local Groups



### Coos County

- Hollywood Dreams (Coos Bay)

### Deschutes County

- The High Desert Advocates (Bend)

### Jackson County

- Jackson County Self Advocates

### Josephine County

- Self Protection, Advocacy and Rights Council (Grants Pass)

### Linn-Benton County

- People First of Corvallis (Corvallis)
- Self Protection, Advocacy and Rights Council (Albany)
- Self-Advocates of Linn County (Albany)

### Marion-Polk County

- Emerging Leaders Northwest (Salem)
- Self Protection, Advocacy and Rights Council (Monmouth)
- Victory Nation (Mt Angel)

### Multnomah County

- Autistic Self Advocacy Network – PDX (Portland & Online)
- Emerging Leaders Northwest (SW Portland)
- Oregon Developmental Disabilities Advocacy & Networking Group (SE Portland & Online)
- Self-Advocates Taking Action (NE Portland)
- Self-Advocate Voices for Equality (SE Portland)
- Speak Up, Speak Out (SE Portland)

### Washington County

- Advocates In Motion (Hillsboro)
- Washington County Self Advocates (Beaverton)

## Why does self advocacy matter?



Shows people how to speak up and have a voice about things that matter to them



Provides an example of the contribution we can make to improve and members of our communities



Teaches people with disabilities how to be leaders in their own lives and at the state and local level



Shows people not to be afraid of people with disabilities and why we are valued citizens



Shares the issues facing people with disabilities - through activities like meeting with legislators



Improves our lives and allows for us to be treated like everybody else!

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