

Advocacy & Advocacy Organizations

Advocacy is not only about raising awareness – it is about making sure the voices of people on the spectrum, and those who support them, are heard. Real change starts when we speak up and help shape the systems that affect our everyday lives.

To help you take charge, we have gathered a list of leading statewide and national advocacy organizations. These organizations offer a range of ways to get active and involved in advocacy, as well as tools and resources to help you on your advocacy journey.



NATIONAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

- ▶ Association of University Centers on Disabilities: aucd.org
- ▶ Autistic Self Advocacy Network: autisticadvocacy.org
- ▶ Autism Society of America: autismsociety.org
- ▶ Disability Belongs: disabilitybelongs.org
- ▶ Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund: dredf.org
- ▶ National Disability Rights Network: ndrn.org
- ▶ TASH: tash.org/advocacy-tools-resources
- ▶ The Arc of the United States: thearc.org



STATEWIDE ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

- ▶ Disability Rights Pennsylvania: disabilityrightspa.org
- ▶ PAR: Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources: par.net
- ▶ Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council: paddc.org
- ▶ Pennsylvania Health Law Project: phlp.org
- ▶ Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers Association: pmhca.wildapricot.org
- ▶ Pennsylvania Statewide Independent Living Council: pasilc.org
- ▶ Pennsylvania Youth Leadership Network: pyln.org
- ▶ Self-Advocates United as 1: sau1.org
- ▶ Speaking for Ourselves: speaking.org
- ▶ The Arc of Pennsylvania: thearcpa.org
- ▶ The PEAL Center: pealcenter.org
- ▶ The Provider Alliance: provideralliance.org
- ▶ Vision for Equality: visionforequality.org