

ASANC News Flash 2008

People First Language Bill

The ASANC, Inc. is getting prepare to introduce a People First Language Bill during the long session of the Legislative being January 2009. The purpose of the Bill is to have one that would require in law and rule the words, mental retardation and mental retarded be replaced with intellectual disability.

Though we don't have formal endorsements, yet through conversations, the ASANC, Inc. anticipate support from organization such as the DD Council, the Arc, the DD Consortium, the Division of MH/DD/SAS, etc. This is a state effort for all local self advocacy groups to get involve with making a People First Language Bill a reality. Look for more details later.

2008-2009 Convention

Planning Has Begun

The planning of the convention has already begun with the convention committee in August. There are two co chairs for the committee. Steve Potts is the new meeting planner for the convention this year. The committee has selected a theme. It is Walk the Talk of Self-Advocacy. The keynote speaker is Howard Renesland, from with-tv.

The registration fee has gone to \$95.00 due to the cost of the hotel and food cost to the Association. Room cost will be \$83.00 plus tax. There will be a convention web page with all of that information on it. The web page should be going live soon. Look for more information to come out soon.

Meet the New TA From The Arc Of North Carolina

There is a "new kid on the block". However, this person isn't new to the Arc/NC. It is Mimi Harrington. She has been with the Arc/NC since October of 2007. She has been working as a Guardian Specialist, but before that, she was working as an Legislative Committee Assistant. Mimi has a B.S. in Criminal Justice along with some other degrees.

Now, she has switched roles. She is now working as the new TA with the ASANC, Inc. Mimi believes in self advocacy and she is a team player. The ASANC, Inc. is looking forward to having Mimi on board.

Group Membership

It's a new beginning for ALL SELF ADVOCATES and we want YOU. The ASANC, Inc. is currently comprised of 20 local groups through out the state.

We are proud that this number has consistently grown over the years. However, we want to increase that number tremendously!! And the only way that we can do that is to encourage each local group to pay \$35.00 per year. These dues provide each group with

- Access to technical assistance
- ASANC newsflash
- Updates on issues and conferences

If your group would like to be a member of the ASANC, please pay your group dues.