

ASANC News Flash September 2009

* **The Freedom to make choices is Self-Advocacy**

Because people with disabilities in NC remain in institutions against their wills: Because people with disabilities in NC continue to be denied the right to live self-determined lives: Because people with disabilities in NC must trade basic freedoms to access supports and services: Because people with disabilities in NC continue to experience barriers in attitudes and policies:

Because the state of North Carolina fails to fully enforce compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA): Because the state of North Carolina fails to fully comply with the US Supreme Court's Olmstead Decision of 1999. We Demand our rights to lead self-Determined lives including the right to: Choose where and with whom we live, Direct a targeted amount of money sufficient to provide necessary supports, Supports services, available in the community of our choice, designed for us and by us and provided by people we choose.

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. So you will get everything that comes out of the ASANC office such as the News Flash and other things mailings about the board meeting and your group can be put on the email list that ASANC has now .

In Memoriam Of Jean Marie Wolff-Rossi July 15,1966– July 3,2009

The Association of Self-Advocates of North Carolina, Inc.(ASANC) wish to express its deepest gratitude for the life and work of Jean Marie (Jeannie) Wolff –Rossi of Louisburg, NC. Jean first came to the (ASANC) back in 2006 where she work on the PIF fund for people to come to our state convention it is their where she was placed to be an advisor to the (ASANC) executive director for the time that she severed in that roll Jean went on to work with ASANC on all of its conventions that we had as the Participant Involvement Fund funding person she would be the on to make the decision weather are not they got funding or not Jean Wolf Rossi will be missed by all but most of all the (ASANC) will miss her the most .with here true leadership as a true Self Advocate for others .

The ASANC Has A New TA

Over the last several years ASANC has received technical assistance by the way of a contract between the NC Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) and the Arc of North Carolina. The ASANC attempted to maximize the assistance available to them under this contract, however, realized that they would benefit from greater control of the types of supports available to them. In addition, they desired greater say in who provided the assistance. To address this need, ASANC approached the DMH/DD/SAS seeking the ability to modify the process by which the Division designs, issues, and selects provider's for the technical assistance offered to the ASANC, we are proud to say that we have Mr. Stephen Potts as our new TA for the ASANC and he is with Community Resource Alliance so lets make him feel welcomed in the ASANC