

**PACIFIC
ALLIANCE ON
DISABILITY SELF
ADVOCACY**

AUTISTIC SELF ADVOCACY NETWORK

ABOUT THE PROJECT

- **The Pacific Alliance is 4 states on the West Coast: CA, OR, WA, MT**
- **Run by the Autistic Self Advocacy Network**
- **Provides TA via resource dissemination, leadership training, and direct support to state and local self-advocacy groups**
- **Focus: giving self-advocacy groups the skills and support they need to grow, get bigger, last longer, and do more**

RESOURCE DISSEMINATION

- **Monthly guides & webinars**
- **Focus on specific skills in 3 areas:**
 - Organizational capacity-building
 - Advocacy strategies
 - Accessibility & outreach
- **Available to all PADSAs participants and on our website**
- **pacific-alliance.org**

FOR EXAMPLE

- **Starting A Nonprofit Is Like Having A Baby**
- **Getting What You Came For (using meetings to advance an agenda)**
- **Fantastic Facilitation**

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- **Pacific Leadership Academy**
- **Annual training for state leaders**
- **Crash course in grassroots organizing, the history of the self-advocacy movement, and disability policy advocacy**

STATE SUPPORT

- **State coordinators**
 - Each state has 1, CA has 2
 - Interface between the project, state partners, and local groups
 - Provide direct support to local groups
 - Assessment
 - TA plans
- **State plans**

TIERED SUPPORT

- **Why tiered support?**
- **Tier 1: intensive 1-on-1 support from project staff and state coordinators, access to resources**
- **Tier 2: less intensive support, access to resources**
- **Tier 3: access to resources**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Groundwork laid**
- **State coordinators and state plans**
- **TA to local groups**
- **Webinars**
- **Website**

IMPACT

- **Full participation on webinars**
- **1500-member mailing list for resources and announcements**
- **Resources targeting specific needs articulated by participants, such as delegation**
- **State and group self-assessments and TA action plans**
- **Tailoring webinars based on feedback**
- **Accessible resources**

PARTNER INVOLVEMENT

- **Our DD network network partners have been very helpful to us in outreach and in locating self-advocacy groups, advisory council members, and potential state coordinators**
- **Working closely with the California DD Council to help its new self-advocacy group (Statewide Self Advocacy Network)**
- **2 of our DD Councils have also provided us with additional funds towards our work in their states: OR and MT**

NEXT STEPS

- **Year 2**
 - Implementation of new skills
 - State and group plans
 - More sophisticated skill development