

Reinventing Quality Conference

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Creating Quality Through Partnerships with Self-Advocates

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Community Support Alliance

**Supporting the quality of life
chosen, desired and created by
people with diverse abilities**



**Family and Community Partnerships Division
Center for Development and Disabilities**

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- ❖ **A University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service**
- ❖ **University of New Mexico, Health Sciences Center**

What is Tokenism?



Keeping People in Boxes



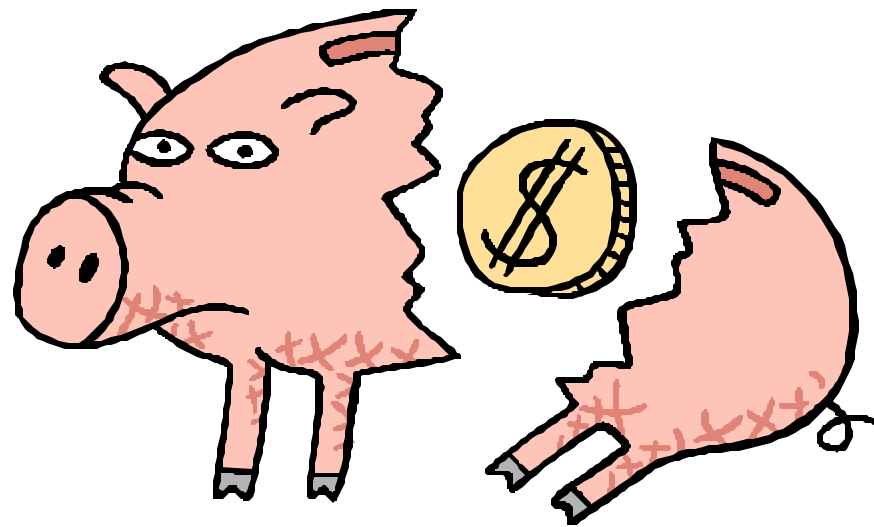
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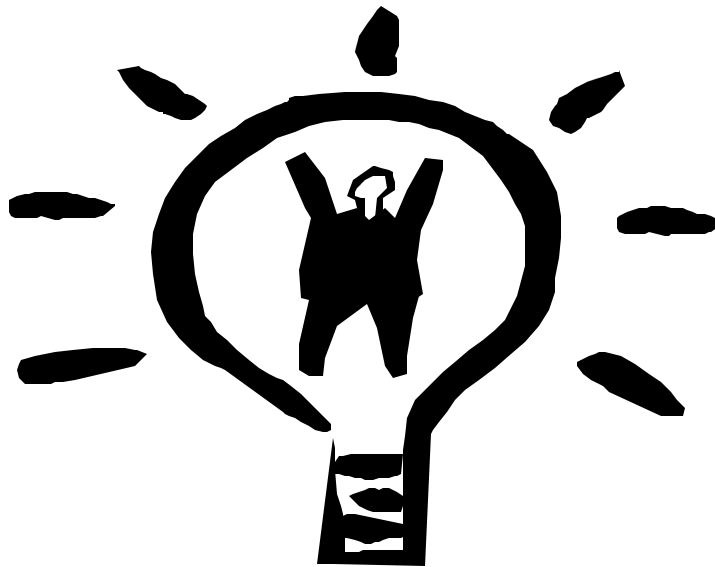
Disability Not Diverse Abilities



Not Paying for Expert Advice



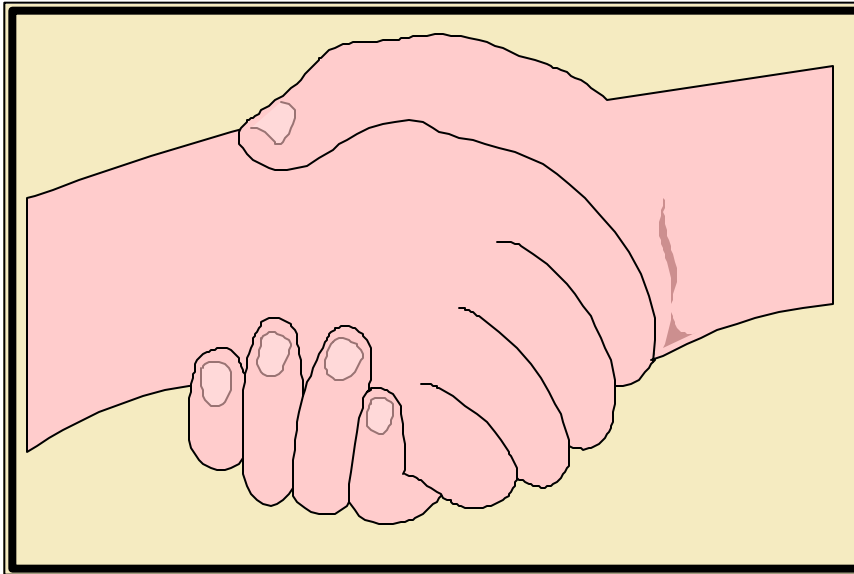
No Ideas Wanted



Your Examples of Tokenism?



Self-Advocates As Partners

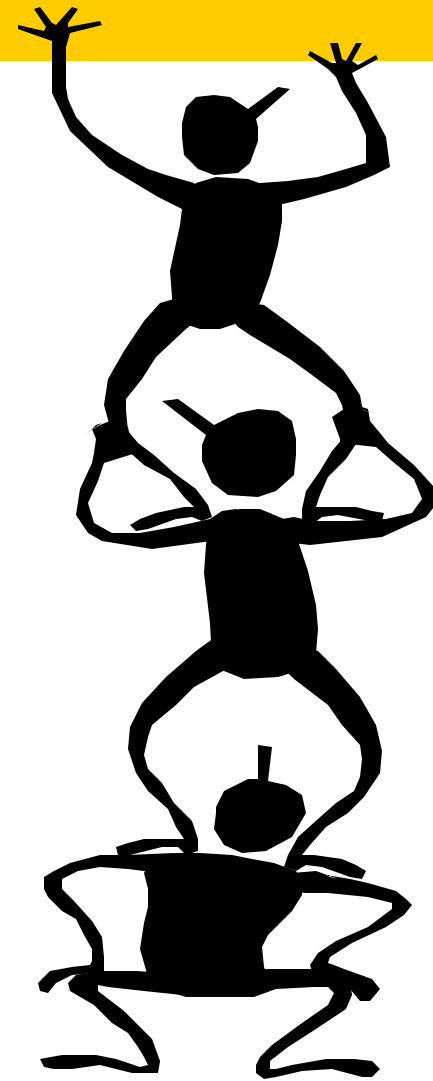




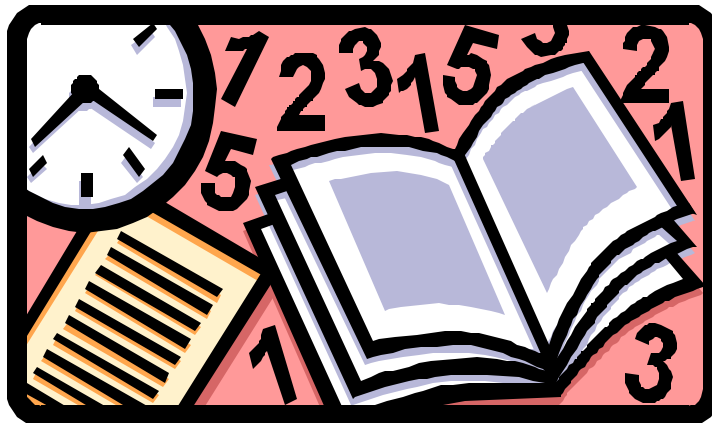
Why Partner with Self-Advocates?

Examples from Experience

**How Self-
Advocates
Make a
Difference**



Products, Authors, Experts



Presenters and Instructors



Planning & Research



Think Out of the Box

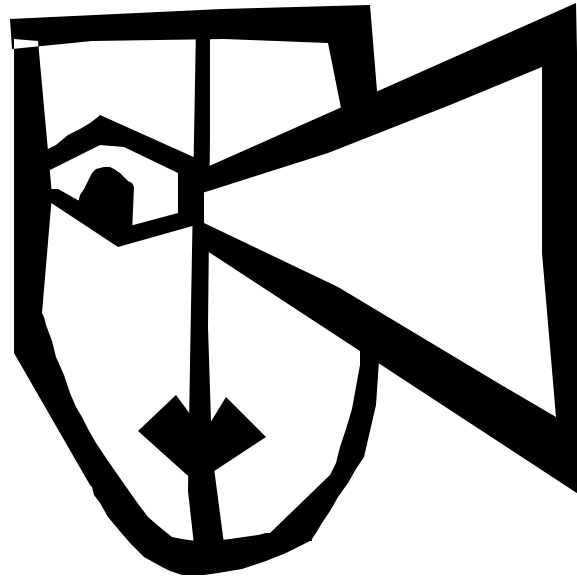


Our Best Ideas

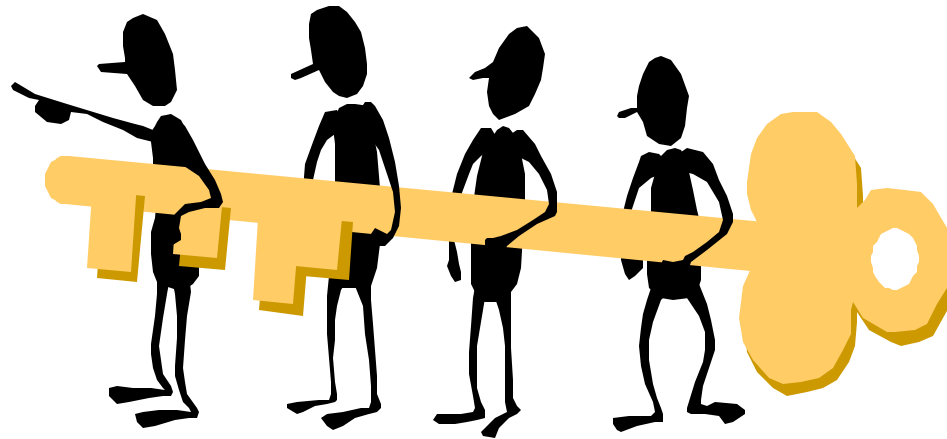




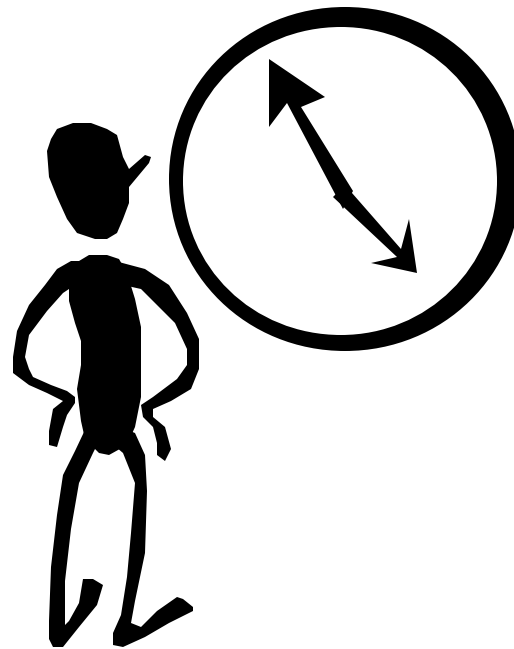
People with Diverse Abilities Create the Vision



Keys to Make Vision Happen



Take Time, Plan Time





Learn the ABC's

A

B

C

D

E

Support to Success





Do RESPECT, Don't DISRESPECT

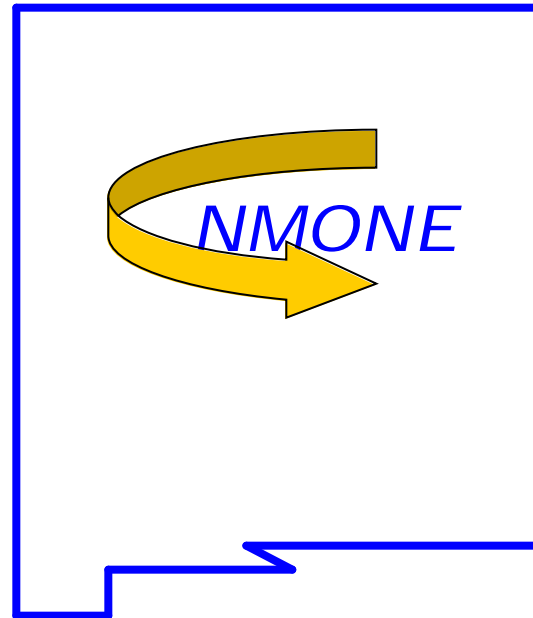
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Match the Person





A Project Example



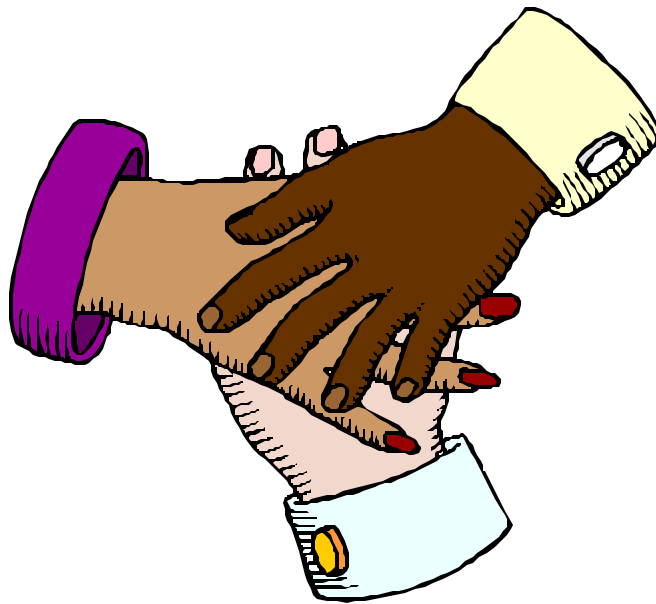
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CSA Diverse Abilities NMONE Training Project

- ❖ **Steering Committee**
- ❖ **Mystery Shoppers**
- ❖ **Regional Feedback**
- ❖ **Quality Criteria**
- ❖ **Training Co-Facilitators**
- ❖ **Participants**



What Are Your Best Ideas?





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Thanks!



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