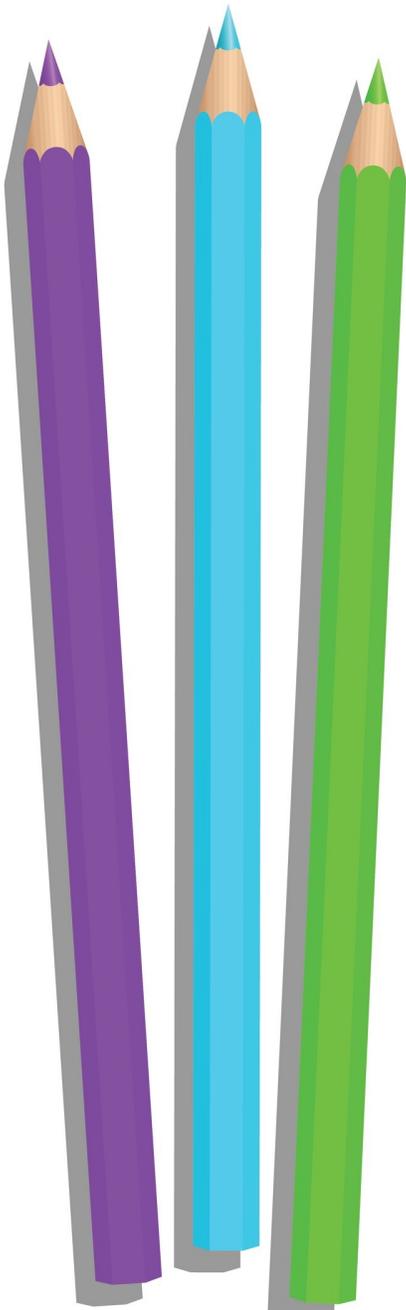


February 2-4, 2018
Florida Hotel & Conference Center / Orlando



Welcome to “My Voice Matters” 2018 FL SAND Annual Conference from the Board of Directors

Dear FL SAND Members,

It’s hard to believe this is our sixth conference and that FL SAND has been around for more than 10 years! Our collective voices have made quite an impact in our first decade but we have much more to say and do. Our best years are ahead!

We look forward to a productive time of refreshing, equipping, and planning for our future this weekend. And, as always, we’ll manage to have a great time in the process.

Please help me thank MaryJo Pirone, the planning committee, our advisors, and Organizational Management Solutions, for their hard work in putting the conference together. We must also extend a hearty shout-out to our sponsors — and slate of presenters and facilitators, the majority of whom are self-advocates!

If this is your first conference — Welcome! If it’s your sixth, thanks for your dedication to FL SAND. Regardless of how long you’ve been around, don’t ever lose sight of the fact that *our voices do matter* and, together, they are stronger than ever.

Regards,

Amanda Baker, FL SAND President & the Board of Directors

From your provider . . .

On behalf of Organizational Management Solutions, we hope you enjoy the 2018 conference! We’re excited about the momentum FL SAND is building, thanks to the hard work of the board, local groups, and advisors, and are committed to supporting you in keeping the train moving in the direction of sustainability and long-term systems change. Your voices matter to us and must continue to be heard! It’s our desire that FL SAND become the best it can be in the coming years and continue to have a profound, lasting voice in Florida’s disability advocacy movement.

Tina St.Clair & Kelli Munn

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Presenters



Michael Daniels is the executive director of the Florida Alliance of Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST). Michael has been working in the assistive technology field for over 20 years with a

focus on computer access and seating and mobility. He served as program director at FAAST for four years and was instrumental in the development of the statewide device loan program and the addition of two Regional Demonstration Centers.

Keynote Speaker



Yessenia Leyva advocates for people with disabilities through speaking, entertainment, event-planning, building relationships, and raising awareness on a variety of topics. In

2011, she was named Ambassador of Change through the Broward Children's Center and the Leadership Broward Program for her work educating school children about disabilities and bullying. Her goals are to fight for inclusion and make people everywhere aware that persons with disabilities have ABILITIES.

Michael Lincoln is a member of FL SAND's Stand Up for Independence self-advocacy group. He is also a member of the Treasure Coast-Fort Pierce Guardian Angels. He is enrolled at Indian River State College and recently started a Best Buddies chapter in his community. Michael is passionate about advocating for individuals wanting to live independently and currently serves on the Supreme Court of Florida's WINGS (Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders) group.



Paula Roberts is the external affairs coordinator for Disability Rights Florida. Her role is to educate individuals with disabilities, their caregivers, and state agency representatives on how to access services from local, state, and federal agencies. Her trainings include "How to Become an Efficient Self-Advocate," information on transition services, systemic issues, and obtaining information and resources from Disability Rights Florida.

Ashley Wolfe is a research liaison at the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Her research is about ways for people with IDD to succeed at school, at work, and in their communities. She has presented research findings at conferences and mentored self-advocates in Florida. Ashley was awarded the first-ever Research in Action award by The Arc in 2011. In 2014, she received the Disability Law Center's Individual Leadership Award.



Presenters



Amanda Baker, a self-advocate from Panama City, is president of FL SAND and vice-chair of the FDDC. She is a graduate of Partners in Policy-making and recipient of the 2015 Idelio Valdes Award. She founded the Elephant Herds self-advocacy group in Panama City. Amanda has significant experience in public policy and advocacy and is employed full time as a vocational rehab technician.



John Finch serves as the director of ABLÉ United at the Florida Prepaid College Board. Previously, John served at The Arc of Florida in various capacities, including director of dental services, which helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive much needed emergency dental care. With experience in both the financial sector and non-profit social services field, John strives to make a difference in people's lives.

Katrina Washington has worked for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities since 2009, currently in their state office as an operational review specialist where she provides technical assistance and training for employment liaisons and supported employment providers and businesses. She has a passion for supported employment and is eager to see people with disabilities obtain and maintain successful employment.



Natalie Alden has been working in the disability rights field for more than 30 years, the last 14 as a senior advocate-investigator with Disability Rights Florida where she focuses on Social Security, employment, and health insurance issues. She has worked hands on for systems change through working on pilot projects that have gone on to national implementation and organizing grassroots empowerment groups. She was awarded both the Ron Halsey Memorial Award and the Jack Gillrup Community Leadership Award.



We also wish to thank the many other self-advocates using their voices in sessions to introduce speakers and lead roundtable discussions. A special thanks to People First of South Florida for facilitating our kick-off activity, Village Voices for making lunch fun, and Mildretta Williams for sharing her voice in song.

Conference Schedule

Friday, February 2, 2018

Time	Event	Location
3 — 8 PM	Conference Registration Exhibit Hall Open	Legacy Lobby Legacy South 2
4 — 5:15 PM	Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session	Symposium East
7 PM	Conference Kick-Off & Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Amanda Baker, FL SAND President, and Jimmy Fricke, FL SAND Parliamentarian ◆ John Finch, Executive Director ABLE United ◆ Kelli Munn & Tina St.Clair, Organizational Management Solutions 	Legacy North
7:30—10 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ “What Would You Do?” Self-advocacy Activity & Mixer Hosted by People First of South Florida ◆ Fun & Games: See old friends and meet new ones 	Legacy North
8:45 PM	Advisors Meeting	Symposium East

Saturday, February 3, 2018 / Morning

Time	Event	Location
8:30 AM—5:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Legacy South 2
9 — 9:30 AM	Morning Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Amanda Baker & Eddie Hall, FL SAND President & Vice President ◆ Singing of FL SAND Anthem ◆ Ann Smith, Florida Developmental Disabilities Council ◆ Scott Shelby, General Manager of Mobility Works 	Legacy North
9:30 — 10:15 AM	Keynote Address: Inspiring Inclusion & Independence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Emily DeLisle, Village Voices ◆ Yessenia Leyva, Speaker & Disability Advocate 	Legacy North
	15 MINUTE BREAK	
10:30 — 11:30 AM	DD Day “Prep” Rally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Moira Rossi, Advocates Reaching the Community ◆ Michael Daniels, FFAST 	Legacy North
	15 MINUTE BREAK	
11:45AM — 12:45PM	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Paula Roberts, Disability Rights Florida ◆ Natalie Jean, Agency for Persons with Disabilities 	Legacy North

Conference Schedule

Saturday, February 3, 2018 / Afternoon

Time	Event	Location
1:15 — 2:30 PM Break-out 1	“Well, I Heard . . .” Bustin’ Myths & Rumors About Employment, Benefits & Financial Independence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Erin Chilson, Stand Up for Independence ◆ Natalie Alden, Disability Rights Florida ◆ John Finch, ABLE United ◆ Katrina Washington, Agency for Persons with Disabilities ◆ Amanda Baker, FL SAND 	Legacy North
Break-out 2	<u>Self-Advocacy 101 Super Session</u> How to Be an Efficient Self-Advocate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Zachary Hubers, Self-Advocacy for an Independent Life ◆ Paula Roberts, Disability Rights Florida ◆ Michael Lincoln, Stand Up for Independence Explore Work Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Indya Barnes, Abilities Venti ◆ Ashley Wolfe, Employment First Florida 	Legacy South 1
	15 MINUTE BREAK	
2:45 — 4 PM	Regional Round Tables: Transportation & Grassroots Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Groups & locations to be assigned 	Legacy North Legacy South 1
	15 MINUTE BREAK	
4:15 — 5:30 PM	Regional Round Tables: Member Recruitment & Mentoring Emerging Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Groups & locations to be assigned 	Legacy North Legacy South 1
6:15 PM	Dinner Out	Buca di Beppo
8 — 10 PM	Dancing & Fun with DJ Dan Booton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hosted by Frank Shalett, People First of South Florida 	Legacy North

Enjoy dinner together at Buca di Beppo in the Florida Mall.

(Pick up a map at the registration table).

Please arrive in time to be seated by 6:15 PM.

Conference Schedule

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Time	Event	Location
9 — 9:15 AM	Morning Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Amanda Baker, FL SAND President◆ Singing of FL SAND Anthem◆ Special Music, Mildretta Williams, FL SAND Treasurer	Legacy North
9:15 — 11 AM	Local Group Annual Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Rachael Riccobene, FL SAND Secretary	Legacy North
	15 MINUTE BREAK	
11:15 AM — 12:30 PM	FL SAND General Meeting	Legacy North

FL SAND Anthem

“My Voice Matters”

by David Roth

Written by David Roth in
collaboration with FL
SAND members at the
2014 Annual Conference.

My voice matters, my voice counts
Get to know what I am all about
No more labels, fears or doubts
My voice matters, my voice counts

We're all different, and we're the same
We all have challenges, and we all have dreams
My dreams are important just like yours
We can teach each other, we can teach the world

CHORUS

My voice matters, my voice counts
Get to know what I am all about
No more labels, fears or doubts
My voice matters, my voice counts

I am gifted, I am strong
We are powerful, one and all
We are determined to make a change
All are equal, all the same

(Repeat CHORUS)

Thank You!



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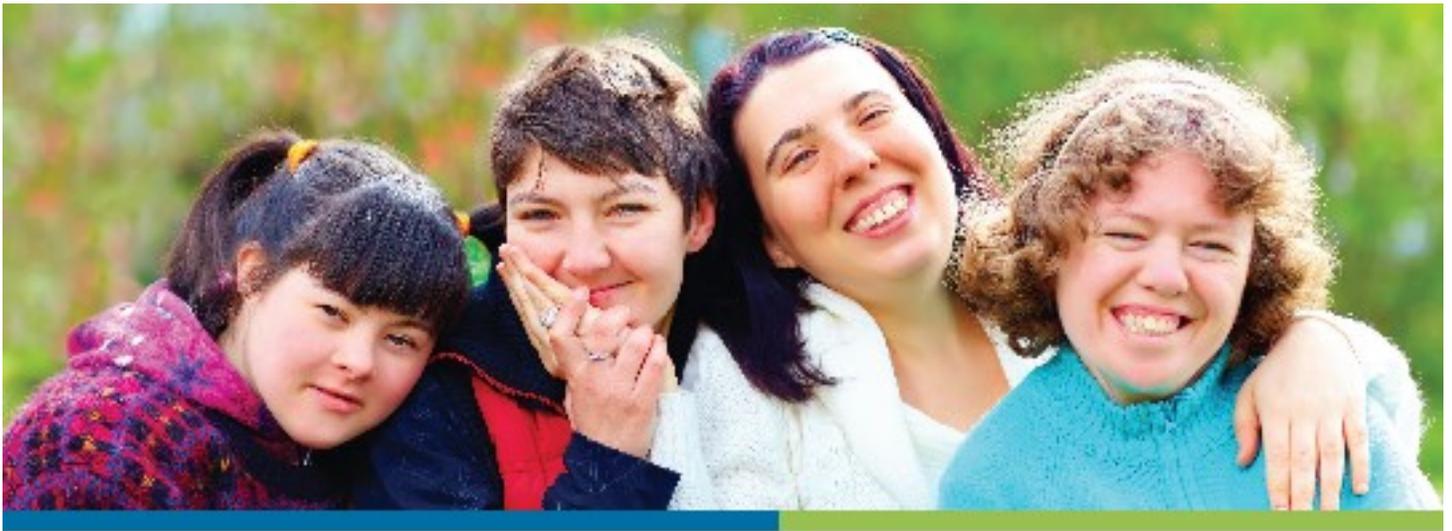
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Self-Advocacy Group**

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