



Involved, Informed and Included: Encouraging Self-Advocacy

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Tools for Life Mission



Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program, is dedicated to increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work and play independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice.

GVRA Mission



The Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency operates five integrated and interdependent statutory programs that share a primary goal - to help people with disabilities to become fully productive members of society by achieving independence and meaningful employment.

Danny's Advocacy Journey



- Kindergarten
- High school
- College
- IL
- Civil disobedience
- Walking the line
- It all started because of an educator



“Advocacy is having a severe case of sass mouth and using it for good.”

-Danny Housley

Charlie's Advocacy Journey



- Sometimes the doctors are not always right.
- Training handles off, no more handles for people to push me!
- Finding yourself and Advocating in College.
- Civil Disobedience and how the Disability Community Uses it.



**Advocates are not always well
behaved
(and shouldn't be)**

**Who is your biggest advocacy
influencer?**

Why is self-advocacy important?

**When was it difficult to advocate for
yourself?**

Were you involved with your IEP?

**Talk about your experience with self
advocacy in the workplace.**

“of” vs “for”

Peer Led Organizations in Georgia



- National Federation of the Blind
- Georgia Coalition of the Blind
- Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard and Hearing
- People First
- ADAPT
- Brain Injury Peer Visitor Association
- Georgia Association of the Deaf
- Centers for Independent Living

Support Agencies in Georgia



- Center for the Visually Impaired
- Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
- Metro Fair Housing
- Georgia Lion's Lighthouse
- Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities
- DBDHH
- ADRCs
- FODAC

Questions?
Comments?
Small Jokes?

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