

***FREE ASSISTANCE***  
**TO HELP DISABILITY ADVOCACY GROUPS**  
**IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS!**

**Everything you wanted to know about advocacy, but were afraid to ask!  
DASH can answer your advocacy and organizational questions such as:**

- Legislative and policy advocacy - How can we get my County Agency and Commissioners to support our program? How do we develop a relationship with the State Senators and Representatives in our area?
- Community organizing - What's the best way to outreach to new people? How do we keep folks involved after the first meeting?
- Organization development - What are the benefits of staying grassroots versus becoming a non-profit? How do we get someone to take a leadership role?
- Grants and fundraising - How do we find out about available grants for which we might qualify? What are the tricks to successful fundraising?
- Effective planning - How do we do strategic plan without losing our momentum? Everyone has their own agendas; how do we get someone neutral to help us with planning?
- Different advocacy approaches - When is it time to take our advocacy up a notch? What else can we do to make them listen to us?
- Networking and coalition building - How do we identify other groups out there that might have the same kind of interests? We're so spread out; how do we keep everyone informed?
- Effective media strategies - How do we get TV stations to cover our events? How do we get local papers to use appropriate disability terminology?
- Corporate, legal, and fiscal issues relating to non-profit - How do we become a non-profit and file for tax exempt status? What are the state and federal lobbying reporting requirements?
- Management of small non-profits - Are there models out there for personnel policies? How do we divide up work between staff and board members?

*These are just some examples. How can we help you?*

DASH project staff and consultants can talk to you (and your group) on the phone, share e-mails and, in some cases, meet face to face.

*For a quick question or more in-depth help, contact DASH toll free at 866-915-3274  
(877-375-7139 tty) OR send an email to [dash@drnpa.org](mailto:dash@drnpa.org)*

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