

Curriculum for Empowering Self-Advocates

Volume 3

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- 1-4 Everyone Teaches, Everyone Learns (*Popular Education model*)

2. Being Empowered

- 2-1 Our Experiences (having power or feeling powerless)
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- 2-3 Celebrating Who We Are (more on self-esteem and confidence)

3. Starting to Take Charge

- 3-1 Choices in Our Lives (day-to-day choices and life decisions)
- 3-2 Supply and Demand (service needs and how monies are allocated)
- 3-3 Exercising Our Rights Responsibly (human, civil, and service recipient rights, and associated responsibilities)
- 3-4 Telling Others What We Want (assertive communication skills)

4. Being on the Team

- 4-1 What is Teamwork? (factors that contribute to successful teams)
- 4-2 Communicating with the Team
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- 4-4 Leading the Team (leadership traits and skills)

5. In the Driver's Seat

- 5-1 Things We Want to Do, Places We Want to Go (futures planning)
- 5-2 Managing the Individual Planning Process (asserting leadership in the planning process)
- 5-3 Choosing People to Help (self-directed hiring and training of staff)
- 5-4 What If Someone Disagrees? (resolving conflicts and moving forward)
- 5-5 Changing the Way the System Works (systems advocacy)



6. Other Issues to Cover (additional issues of priority to the participants)