



2025 Florida Self-Advocacy
Conference

Hosted by the FL SAND Fellows Leadership Program

At-a-Glance Schedule

Friday

3-6 PM: Registration check-in, Exhibit Hall, Photo Fun

6-8:30 PM: Welcome, Dinner & Keynote Address by Karolyn Campbell

Saturday

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM: Exhibit Hall Open

9 - 11:45 AM (includes 15 minute break)

Welcome & Sponsor Greetings

General Session Training: “The Power of Grassroots Advocacy” & “The Power of Working Together Shark Tank”

Break

Lunch 12 – 1 PM: “Bringing a Route to Self-Determination Workshop to Your Community”

1-1:30 PM: Break

1:30-5 PM: Afternoon Break-out Sessions (see next page)

Saturday Evening

Dinner on your own

7:30—9:30 PM: Dance/Karaoke with DJ Daniel Booton at hotel

Sunday

8:30 - 9 AM: Continental Breakfast

9-10:30 AM: General Session Training (includes 15-minute break)

Strategic Planning & Baseline Data Training

Disability Rights Florida presentation

10:30 AM - 12 PM FL SAND General Membership & Board Meeting

Florida Hotel & Conference Center
1500 Sand Lake Road / Orlando, FL / 32809

Saturday Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Shane Campfield, Thomas "TJ" Moon, Jericka Knox, LeQuina Knox, and Edward Couture **1:30-2:30**
The Hurdle Club: Stories, Scenarios, and Situations in School **Legacy North**

"The Hurdle Club" is a panel of fantastic individuals with disabilities who will be discussing the ins and outs of the educational system from being a student with a disability to dealing with the teachers, professors, and principals. Presented in the style of the cult movie classic "The Breakfast Club, you don't want to miss this entertaining and informative presentation. Attendees will be able to share their experiences.

Mandy Ranochak & MAGICAL self-advocates / Orlando **1:30-2:30**
From Shoebox to Soapbox- Self Advocacy Starts with YOU! **Legacy South 2**

Finding pride in your disability isn't easy, but MAGICAL member and FL SAND Fellow Mandy Ranochak found hers in, of all places, a shoebox. Mandy will share her first encounter with an "About Me" show box years ago and show how that simple first step set the stage for her becoming the strong, well connected self-advocate she is today. Mandy and her colleagues will share their boxes and then guide participants in creating and sharing their own About Me boards.

Chatequa Pinkston & Michelle Zeman **2:45-3:45**
The Power of Advocacy through Publishing and Podcasting **Legacy North**

Our presentation will talk about the ways to share your advocacy story through print and digital formats, specifically publishing and podcasting. Publishing has allowed Chatequa to tell her story through books and blogs. Podcasting has allowed Michelle to speak up on issues within the disability community and have conversations with self-advocates and professionals in her field from around the country.

LeQuina Knox and TJ Moon **2:45-3:45**
Rolling Over the Struggles in Life **Legacy South 2**

We invite you to come to our presentation and learn about the different ways two advocates navigated struggles in life despite their disabilities, and how those struggles contributed to their success as advocates today. It's time you stop letting your disabilities define who you are!

Laura Minutello / Disability Rights Florida **4—5 PM**
Your Right to Vote for Self-Advocates **Legacy North**

Voting is the most basic form of self-advocacy and understanding voting and knowing who to vote for is an important part of living in the community. People with disabilities deserve to understand how to vote. The presentation will focus on the process of voting, voting rights, and understanding how to prepare to vote on election day. This presentation will cover questions that many first-time voters may have before voting. Attenders will be able to ask questions and fill out a voter plan and sample ballot.