The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) held a Regional Self-Advocacy Summit in Kansas City, MO on April 11 and 12, 2011. This was the third of five Self-Advocacy Summits that had been scheduled at various locations around the country this spring. The states that were invited to participate in this Regional Meeting included Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Oklahoma and South Dakota. Each state was represented by a State Team which included four self-advocates and representatives from other State organizations which are part of the ADD network, as well as the State DD Agency.

The Missouri State Team included the following Self-Advocates: Jason Mize, Cathy Enfield, Tiffany Daniels and Jeff Johnson. Representatives from other State DD Agencies included Carl Calkins and Laura Jackson from the UMKC-Institute for Human Development (MO UCEDD), Shawn DeLoyola from MO Protection and Advocacy, Susan Pritchard Green and Cathy Brown from the MO Planning Council and Bernie Simons, Nancy Nicholas and Vicki McCarrell from the MO Division of Developmental Disabilities. Mark Satterwhite, advisor for Boone County People First, was also on the Missouri State Team. Cathy Enfield and Laura Jackson were Co-Leaders for the Missouri Team.
Messages to Members

I hope that everyone is having a great summer! People First of Missouri has been working very hard at developing new chapters around the state. We have also had a lot of legislative success with the passage of House Bill 555 (Respectful Language) and House Bill 648 (Parental Rights). PFMO is also really looking forward to Camp Wonderland in September and our November Steering Committee Officer Elections. Be on the lookout for our next ‘Special Edition’ newsletter that will be coming soon!!

Thank You,
Kelly Ray
President, People First of Missouri

Mission

People First of Missouri is a statewide organization that promotes equality for people with disabilities so they can live the life they want in the community. People First members:

- Teach and empower people to understand their rights and responsibilities and to speak up for themselves (self-advocacy);

- Stand up for one another to help people live the life they want with the supports they need (advocacy for one another);

- Advocate for community services that allow people to have choices and control over their supports and lives (advocacy at the systems level);

- Create change in communities to ensure opportunity and full, meaningful participation for all people (advocacy within the community).
People First of St. Charles has been very busy with this year’s Clean Up Your Language Campaign. In conjunction with the DDRB (Developmental Disability Resource Board - our local Senate Bill 40 Board) and the Missouri Planning Council, People First of St. Charles was able to visit all of the local cities and municipalities in St. Charles County as well as the St. Charles County Council meeting. The People First members have decided to make this a yearly event and were very pleased when they were welcomed back this year with open arms. When we let them know we are making this a yearly event they encouraged us to come and remind them about People First language and disability awareness more than once a year! The big change this year is we have also been presenting the Campaign to local school boards. They too were receptive to the campaign and all have requested enough posters for all their school and administration buildings!

People First of St. Charles was also honored by the DDRB, Developmental Disabilities Resource Board, by being named in their strategic plan! The DDRB’s mission statement states the “DDRB is a leader, ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities living in St. Charles County have quality opportunities and choices to be fully included in society.” One of their goals to meet this mission is: “The DDRB will work with partners in the St. Charles County Coalition and People First to develop and implement a public awareness campaign for Developmental Disabilities awareness month.” The members of People First of St. Charles are overjoyed with the support that DDRB has given us to continue the Clean Up Your Language Campaign into the future. We look forward to making this Campaign even bigger next year!
There were four purposes for these Summits which included:

1. To assess what is currently happening in the states in self-advocacy—the support structures, activities, accomplishments and challenges.

2. To plan steps we can take to strengthen and enhance current efforts at the state level.

3. To develop recommendations for actions that we can take at the national level.

4. To develop policy recommendations that can lead to a stronger, more effective, and long lasting self-advocacy movement across the country.

The first day was spent with the co leaders from each state presenting a “State of the State” PowerPoint presentation to the group. This was followed by a breakout session for the organizational peers from all states and then by a planning session for each state team.

The second day consisted of state teams reporting back to the group the results of their state planning session of the previous day. This was followed by a breakout session for state teams to develop national recommendations and finally by a session for the state teams to report back to the group with their national recommendations. This was followed by a session for closing comments and the meeting adjourned.

It was a very productive and intensive two days but there was a lot of good information shared and some good and thoughtful recommendations were made. The states that were represented there are hopeful they can continue to share information and work together on mutual issues. The Missouri State Team expressed interest in trying to continue to meet periodically to expand on the work that was done at this Summit. Everyone who was there appreciated the opportunity to learn from each other and to share our ideas and concerns. They especially appreciated the efforts put forth by Commissioner Lewis and the ADD staff to make these Summits possible.
Scott Trickey’s Biography

People First of Missouri is happy to introduce Scott Trickey, our new self-advocate hired as part of a Missouri Planning Council grant to assist with chapter development and outreach. Scott was recently awarded Advocate of the Year 2011 by EITAS (Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County).

Here is a short autobiography:
Hi, my name is Scott Trickey and I have been a member of People First since 2009. Currently, I am serving as the President of the Kansas City chapter. As a Missouri native, I am excited to help grow People First of Missouri and strengthen numbers. I plan to do this by building relationships with members and local chapters. Please feel free to contact me at trickey@umkc.edu with any new ideas or comments.

Let’s Welcome Laura Walker-Jackson and Krystle McCarthy

Laura Walker-Jackson
Laura has worked with self-advocates as a local, state and national advisor for the past 8 years. Being a part of the self-advocacy movement is one of her biggest passions in life. She has a 1 year old baby with her husband Brent. They live in Kansas City.

Krystle McCarthy
Krystle started working for University of Missouri-Kansas City’s Institute for Human Development in March 2011. She has a Bachelors Degree in Business Management/Marketing from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. Krystle has worked previously in non-profit event planning, sales and as a 1-on-1 Paraprofessional with the Liberty School District. She is very excited to support self-advocates at the state and national level. Krystle lives in Kansas City.
Our meetings are held the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Monday of each month at 5:00 PM at MERIL, 4420 S. 40\textsuperscript{th}, St. Joseph, MO 64503, until 6:15 PM. Our May meeting discussed our Picnic Fundraiser; it was voted to move the date to July 21, 2011 from 5:00pm to 8:00 PM at MERIL. Charlie Endsley from THE RIDE (local company) presented information about the bus company and how the schedules work. He explained about the accessible buses, calling ahead for curbside pick-up and the transfers at the downtown station. Charlie also asked to become a community member. This was approved. Steering Committee members represented the St. Joseph group at the Capital at the last Steering Committee meeting. They were given a tour of the dome compliments of Senator Schaaf. Our chairperson advocated for the removal of property taxes for disabled and senior citizens; he feels a tax credit would be better.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Fagan, Chairperson and Gary Clouser, Steering Committee Representative.

Boonslick

Boonslick People First has a busy summer planned. On May 21 we are having our First Annual Car Show. We’re having cars, trucks and motorcycles. There will be prizes for the best entries in several categories. We will also have vendor booths and live music. We already have registrations from all over Missouri and even some from other states. Bikers Against Child Abuse, Boy Scouts, and students are volunteering to help us with the show. We are hoping to raise a lot of money.

In June, we are having a barbecue in the park in Boonville. Our People First officers are going to barbecue for the members and advisors in thanks for all their hard work on the car show.

Also in June we are giving scholarships to two children to go to Camp Wonderland. After they get back from camp, we will invite them to the barbecue so they can tell us about their experience and about their fun adventure.

We plan to have a great year.
Chapter Updates from around Missouri

Rolla

Rolla People First Chapter members have new chapter T-shirts that they are very proud of. The chapter is working to get speaking engagements to talk about self determination, self directed supports and community living. The chapter is working to update their by-laws, get new members, and decide on their summer fund-raiser. We are also planning a cook-out for June.

Northeast Missouri (NEMO)

NEMO Chapter is having an election on May 17th, 2011. We currently have 32 members and it looks like it’s going to be a tough election. We have received a grant from Marion county services for $1000. The chapter set up booths at local functions, completed several surveys, and educated the community on self-advocacy and People First. We have had speakers on self-determination and bullying, as well as from MODOT (Missouri Department of Transportation) where we voted to adopt a highway.

We have been mentoring two of our members to start their own People First chapter in their respective counties. Doing a People First presentation and three members went to Pike county second meeting and have developed some great relationships. We are working on our first fundraiser. We also have our own Facebook page, email, and are excited to form a committee to manage it and keep up-to-date.

Independence

People First of Independence has had a routine year so far. We have been having our regular monthly meetings. During the meetings we have been learning about current issues that may affect us and also what we can do to respond effectively to these issues, especially those that involve pending legislation.

Several of our members were able to attend the Tenth Annual Disability Rights Legislative Day that was held at the State Capitol in Jefferson City on March 9, 2011. Everyone that went seemed to have a good time and came back with lots of information to share with the group. We had some very good discussions about the things they learned and experienced at the meeting.

Everyone is looking forward to summer activities.
Chapter Updates from around Missouri

**Macon County**

The Macon/Shelby chapter has been busy getting ready for a yard sale that took place on May 14th. This chapter is also selling Little Caesar’s pizza kits as a fund raiser. We will also be holding officer elections in June.

**Boone County**

Our chapter joined the Safe Schools Coalition in March. We are concerned about bullying in schools. Chapter president Jason Mize made a video for the Coalition, which is posted on their website. People with disabilities are one of the main groups picked on in schools. It must stop!

We're still working with journalism students and raising awareness about who we are, and about respectful language.

Vice President Jeff Johnson and member Barb Griffin went to Mexico, Missouri in April, to talk to people there who are forming a new chapter. Keep the faith, Mexico!

**Kansas City**

The Kansas City chapter is in a period of transition. We’re going to be electing a new Sergeant-At-Arms. We are going to have a Memorial Day Picnic on May 28th and hope for a large crowd. Kansas City is looking forward to the future and expanding our chapter!

**Jefferson City**

Jeff City had 20 people at the rally of 2011.

Jefferson City People First has a new member to the group, Mark Lancaster, so we have 14 members now. One of our members, Tom Pohlman, is in Partner's class this year in Columbia. First Baptist Church has a community dinner every 3rd Thursday of the month. Jefferson City People First will be meeting here to have dinner and then the meeting will follow.

We will be doing fundraisers so please be thinking of ideas to share at the next meeting.
Becky Dickey, a member of Jefferson City People First, has been involved in self-advocacy at the Capitol for ten years. She currently serves as the receptionist for the Missouri Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities (MPCDD). Becky has been involved with Special Olympics and Sporting Champs; as well as being a camper and former employee of Camp Wonderland. Becky has been married to Roger Dickey for 23 years and her hobbies include fishing, bowling (playing on a league in the winter and fall), watching the Chiefs and the Cardinals on TV and going to as many games as she and Roger can. Becky and Roger also have a cat named Smokey.

March Steering Committee Meeting Update and Disability Rights Legislative Day

On March 2nd and 3rd, PFMO Steering Committee Representatives met with their legislators to talk about important issues. Some of the bills include House Bill 560 and House Bill 648 (Accessible Parking and the R-Word), House Bill 555 (Parental Rights), House Bill 411/421 and Senate Bill 56 (Closure of Institutions), and House Bill 201 (Dental Care).

Many of the Steering Committee members were able to meet with their legislators. Ruqqayah Bailey of St. Louis County was introduced to the floor by her legislator and was able to speak to the group about House Bill 201 (Dental Care). Susie Parker of St. Charles also spoke about House Bill 555 (Parental Rights) to the floor and was invited to the signing of the bill in Jefferson City by Rep. Grisamore.

March 9th, 2011 was the 10th Annual Disability Rights Legislative Day in Jefferson City, Missouri. There were over 800 self-advocates in attendance at this daylong event. Many were able to speak to their legislators about the importance of supporting people to live the lives they want in inclusive settings in the community.
Cathy Enfield, SABE Region Four Representative/Missouri

The SABE National Board of Directors met in Kansas City on April 14-17, 2011. The meeting was generously hosted by the Institute for Human Development at UMKC and People First of Missouri.

The SABE Board discussed a number of issues affecting People with Disabilities, most of them involving budget reductions and legislative changes that are being considered. The treatment of People with Disabilities in certain states was also discussed in addition to ways to assist people who are victims of Civil Rights violations.

The SABE Board is still soliciting proposals for the 2012 National Convention but at this time no definite location or date has been set for the next National Convention.

The SABE Board drafted and sent a letter to the Director of ADD which addressed the experiences of various Board members at ADD Self Advocacy Summits and which also included recommendations for the upcoming ADD Summits.

The SABE Board also voted unanimously to withdraw immediately from any participation in the Alliance for Full Participation. This was a result of the signing of a memorandum that was sent to the White House by three of the AFP member organizations that spoke in favor of the continued support and funding of segregated, sub-minimum wage workshops as an acceptable alternative to real jobs for people with disabilities. This decision does not affect the participation by self-advocates in local or state level teams that are working with the National AFP.

The next SABE Meeting will be held in Providence, Rhode Island on August 4 through August 7, 2011.
Career Discovery Training

The Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities would like to offer **FREE** trainings on The Career Planning Guide: A Guide to Career Planning. This guide will take the job seeker and their support team through the career planning process by providing information they can use during the career planning sessions. If your group is interested in hosting this free training, you will need to have at least 5 teams and provide the location. Trainings are **very limited** so contact Chaz Nickolaus at 800-500-7878 or e-mail cnickolaus@mpcdd.com. Dates will be negotiated for July and August. You can download a free copy of the career guide at www.mpcdd.com.

Did You Know...

*From the Division of Developmental Disabilities*

Did you know that in a national study* Missouri has been named as a “Mover and Shaker” because more people are receiving services in the community?

Did you know that the DDD has eleven regions and that each of these regions has an Advocacy Specialist. The Advocacy Specialist can support you and your People First Chapter by providing training in a lot of different areas including: Your Rights and Responsibilities; Due Process; and other advocacy topics. The Advocacy Specialist can also help you with being on committees and workgroup.

If you would like to be a speaker on disability topics the Advocacy Specialist can help you get connected to people that what to hear what you want to say. If you would like more information you can get on the DDD website. [http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/Advocacyspecialists.htm](http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/Advocacyspecialists.htm)

Important Reminders

- Camp Wonderland Self-Advocacy Retreat-September 16-18, 2011, located in Rocky Mount, Missouri.
- Disability Awareness Month-October 2011
- Steering Committee Meeting and Officer Elections- November 2011