



# Action Plan, Website & Resources, NDAC Questions & Answers

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Organ Transplant Nondiscrimination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Autism Self-Advocacy Network Toolkit</li> <li>-NDSC/NDSS resources</li> <li>-Research other state bills</li> <li>-Reach out to other advocates who have passed the bill to learn about the issues they had to navigate (NDAC; #321Advocate social media groups to help identify people)</li> <li>- Identify model bill (Maryland bill as model for Legislative Scribe)</li> <li>-Identify potential opposition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Use my one-pager as my oral committee testimony; change ask to support this legislation and personal thoughts about my own daughter who has checked organ donation on her government ID but might not be allowed to receive a transplant</li> <li>-Rachel to provide written testimony (her one-pager) She did not want to miss school to testify.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Disability Rights Kansas (DRC) (help work with Legislative Scribe to draft bill), assist with finding oral and written testimony)</li> <li>-Mental Health Alliance of KS</li> <li>-Kansas DD Council</li> <li>-Autism orgs in Kansas</li> <li>-Outreach to DS orgs across Kansas</li> <li>- Solicit oral and/or written testimony from self-advocates, parents of children w/IDD</li> <li>-Solicit letters of support from Children's Hospital DS Clinic &amp; Adult Down Syndrome Clinic; state DS groups, NDSC, NDSS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Secured legislator to introduce and carry bill in House-</li> <li>-DRC helped secure Senate sponsor</li> <li>-Reached out to my legislators and others we have relationships with</li> <li>- Oral testimony at committee &amp; Rachel submitted written testimony</li> <li>-Follow-up with opposition*</li> <li>-Follow-up and follow-up again on bill status</li> <li>*Our only opposition was one committee member who held up bill questions; we answered &amp; he then supported bill questions and he also supported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Email thank you to sponsors &amp; my legislators</li> <li>-Post pictures on social media; tag legislators, organizations, and individuals</li> <li>-Bill passes (maybe not the first or even the second try)!</li> <li>-Celebrate with ceremonial signing by Governor (lots of social media coverage)</li> </ul>

# Website & Resources

All presentations and handouts can be found on the NDSC Website under the Policy and Advocacy Tab under Training Resources.

- All Advocacy Training Boot Camp Presentations
- All handouts:
  - Examples of Self-Advocate One Pagers
  - SA Template
  - Action Plan and Example
  - Resource List with links
  - NDSC Advocacy Toolkit for Self-advocates



<https://www.ndsccenter.org/political-advocacy/advocacytrainings/>

## Advocacy Toolkit for Self-Advocates



Presented by Christopher Bennett and the NDSC Self-Advocate Council (SAC), along with the NDSC Policy & Advocacy Team

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# Advocacy Toolkit for Self-Advocates

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- The Advocacy Toolkit for Self-Advocates was developed by Self-Advocate Christopher Bennett and the NDSC Self Advocate Council with support from the NDSC Policy Team.
- Self-Advocates Advocacy Toolkit

# *Sign up to stay up-to-date with NDSC Policy communications!*

- *Monthly NDSC Policy & Advocacy Newslines emails*
  - <http://www.ndsccenter.org/stay-up-to-date-with-ndsc-news/>
- *Action Alerts*
  - <https://www.ndsccenter.org/political-advocacy/take-action-stay-informed/>
- *Facebook*
  - <https://www.facebook.com/dsadvocates/>
- *Twitter*
  - *@ndsccenter*



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# NDAC

**National Down Syndrome  
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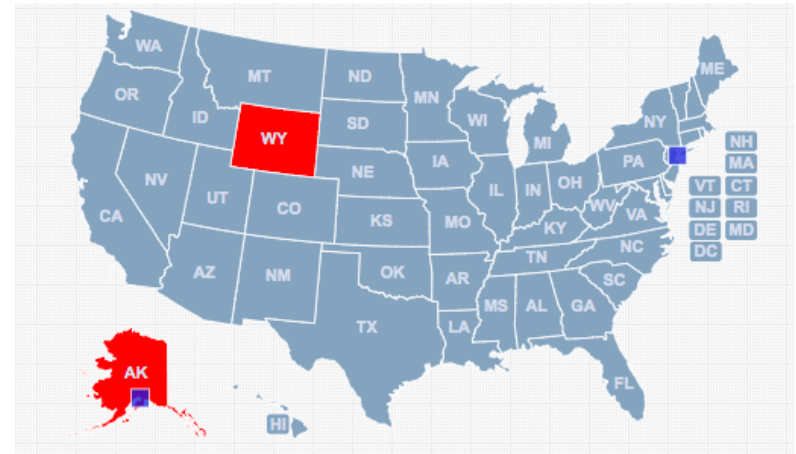
## National Down Syndrome Advocacy Coalition (NDAC)

**NDAC is the NDSC grassroots advocacy program** designed to educate individuals with Down syndrome, their family members, and other allies about policy issues and give them the advocacy tools and techniques they need to effectively engage with their legislators to advocate for change.

**NDAC is a member service of the NDSC**

**NDAC membership grants access to**

- Quarterly webinars, resources, and information
- Private Facebook group
- Networking opportunities and more!



# NDAC Membership

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**NDAC Members-** NDSC members of all abilities/levels of advocacy experience (anyone can join).

**NDAC Group Members-** NDSC Affiliate Program Subscribers who have opted to join the NDAC program, or other groups (cross-disability, other disability, statewide coalitions) who pay a \$20 NDAC group membership fee.

**Simply submit a brief application online** and you will be contacted by one of our team members.

- NDAC Member Application: <https://goo.gl/KbuLe4>
- NDAC Group Member Application: <https://goo.gl/1hQ1af>
- After joining NDAC, be sure to join our private NDAC Facebook group -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NDSCNDAC/>

**Questions? Visit <https://www.ndscenter.org/political-advocacy/national-down-syndrome-advocacy-coalition/>  
or email [Jawanda@ndscenter.org](mailto:Jawanda@ndscenter.org)**





# NDAC By the Numbers

**NDAC Members: 635**

**NDAC Group Members: 48**

Global/National/Statewide/Local Groups and Organizations

**Representing 48 states**

Where we need members: Alaska and Wyoming

**Short-term goal:** *At least two self-advocates from each state*

**Long-term goal:** *At least one member from every Congressional district*

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