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# Illinois Imagines

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## Texting During Emergencies

Text-to-911 was designed for people who are Deaf, hard of hearing or with a speech difficulty. It is a free program for sending a text message addressed to "911" instead of placing a phone call. To use it, a Deaf caller addresses the message to 911 and enters the emergency in the body of the text. Dispatch will only know the location if it is in the text message. Text-to-911 is useful for any situation in which is dangerous or impossible to communicate.

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The Illinois Imagines Team of DuPage County met to discuss future plans for their team activities. Statewide team members Teresa Tudor and Shirley Paceley attended to provide some support and technical assistance. What is your team working on? What ideas can you share with other teams? If your team would like technical assistance from the state Illinois Imagines team or another local team, contact Shirley Paceley at [spaceley@maconresources.org](mailto:spaceley@maconresources.org).

## Spotlight

### In Memorium

The Illinois Imagines community lost a special member this past November with the passing of Amber Buckley-Shaklee, age 31, on November 3, 2015.



Amber served as co-chair of Illinois Imagines Statewide Public Policy

Committee in

support of statewide policy for women with disabilities who have been sexually assaulted. Her voice and experience helped guide the committee's policy decision making and provided valuable insight into what issues needed to be addressed.

She served three separate summer internships; two in

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## Webinar Schedule

### ○ **Illinois Imagines: Next Steps - 10:00-11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17**

Illinois Imagines is entering its 10th year and the state team has some exciting things planned for our latest continuation grant from the Office on Violence Against Women. Join Teresa Tudor, Project Director, for an overview of the planned activities which include local collaborative team mini-grants, technical assistance, newsletters, trauma and disability responsiveness reviews, outreach, education and counseling supports

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Wireless carriers such as Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint will support texting to 911. Other carriers could also join in the future. Not all call centers in Illinois have the capacity to receive Text-to-911 calls so if your jurisdiction does not, please encourage them to do so.

Text-to-911 is a program run by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission), in partnership with United States' carriers. For more information, contact your local Center for Independent Living.

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Washington, D.C. with the National Council on Disability and the Office of Civil Rights in the U.S. State Department, and the other in Madison, Wisconsin with the Veterans Administration Hospital. She also was a one time volunteer for SACIS, the rape crisis center in Charleston.

Amber was a 2002 graduate of Charleston High School and furthered her education at the University of Illinois. She earned her bachelors degree in Sociology in 2006 and was currently a Doctoral student. For the past nine years Amber was employed at the University of Illinois as a teaching assistant in the Sociology Department.

Amber always set lofty goals and never allowed her disability to deter or hamper her from attaining those goals. She was a passionate advocate for social justice and a leader in confronting and speaking out regarding barriers for those with disabilities.

Amber always tried to make the world a better place and therefore the world was a better place with her in it. She will be missed not only by her loving family and many friends, but by so many that she represented with her voice.

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and other valuable resources. Illinois Imagines is creating a new framework for supporting local Illinois Imagines teams called TAM – Technical Assistance and Mentoring. Join the discussion on February 17th to learn more.

Registration information has been e-mailed to local teams. If you have questions, please contact Shirley Paceley at [spaceley@maconresources.org](mailto:spaceley@maconresources.org).

#### ○ March 16th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Topic:** Self-Advocates: Perspective, Strength and Experience for a Diversified Solid and Powerful Illinois Imagines Project.

Self Advocates featured will be Marge Parker, Mary Hettel, Alice Kieft.

#### ○ April 20th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Topic:** Overview of mental health system in Illinois.

#### ○ May 17th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Topic:** Recovery model for people with a lived experience of mental illness.

#### ○ June 21st, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Topic:** WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan).

#### ○ July 19th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Topic:** Trauma recovery from sexual violence.

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