

Illinois Imagines awards Mini-Grants

The Illinois Imagines Statewide project has awarded four \$10,000 mini-grants to local collaborative teams to enhance services to people with disabilities in their communities. A synopsis of each team's activities is below:

Coles County

- Present programs from the Illinois Imagines material - including empowerment guides and training for emergency department nurses.
- Expand team into additional counties.
- Responsiveness Reviews.

Chicago

- Provide Spanish translation for Parents and Guardians Guide and local brochure into Spanish, Korean, Hindi and Urdu.
- Create educational video or outreach materials/video on sexual violence myths, consent, healthy sexuality and responding to disclosure.
- Responsiveness Reviews.

DuPage

- Trainings at Law Enforcement roll call on the Communication Guide.
- Symposium for first responders focusing on SANE picture guides.
- Responsiveness Reviews.

North Central Collaboration (Peoria)

- Prevention Education sessions in schools and other agencies utilizing the Illinois Imagines materials. Offer a 1, 3, 6 and 10 session programs.
- Responsiveness Reviews.

Values

The Core of our Work

What Do You Value?

By Audrey Walden

Audrey is a self-advocate on the Illinois Imagines Public Policy committee. Here are her thoughts about what she values about her committee work:

I have a chance to be heard.
I know that people trust me to open up and share my opinions.
I fear saying the wrong things and people thinking I'm stupid but I'm not.

People there trust me on issues.

I also value:

Friends and family;

The chance to be independent in life;

People trust me and have faith in me to do the right thing — even when I don't have faith in myself.

People to care about me and love me for who I am;

That I am not treated as an outside or an outcast;

That I make a check and know how to count money;

I understand things real well;

I am a hard worker. I am sweet, funny, loving and caring.

Resource Spotlight

Illinois Imagines has produced several modules and other materials to help local collaboratives better serve people with disabilities. Each month we will highlight a specific module or tool that can be utilized by collaboratives. For the opening installment we will start at the beginning.

The Overview Guide

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Part of the Original Toolkit, the 77-page Overview Guide is still relevant in today's work. The Guide is broken into five sections: Introduction, Planning Process, Information on Sexual Violence, Creating a Local Collaboration and Tools.

Information on strategic planning, needs assessment and meeting planning are part of the Guide. The Guide also discusses the founding principals of the Illinois Imagines project including cultural humility. There are 45 pages of tools that can be copied and utilized. The material varies from meeting icebreakers to needs assessment questionnaires and surveys.

The Guide can be downloaded from www.illinoisimagines.org or can be ordered by contacting Sean Black at sblack@icasa.org.

What I Value

By Linda Sandman

"I value treating people with respect. Each person brings their own unique viewpoint and experiences to relationships. I am grateful that we are not all the same. I value learning from each person I meet."



Training Trio

Illinois Imagines members Krescene Beck, Cathy Saunders and Linda Sandman provided a training on improving services to people with disabilities to the Illinois Crisis Prevention Network on June 28-29 in Springfield.

Webinars

○ August 17, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Topic/Presenter: Aimee Anderson will present on Mental Health First Aid.

Registration information will be sent out via e-mail.