

Members of the Illinois Imagines Chicago team recently conducted a symposium. More information on page 2.



Spotlight

Just Don't Tell Me

*Just don't tell me it's gonna be alright
Just don't tell me I won't have to fight
Just don't tell me the pain will go away
Just don't tell me that I can stay*

*Just don't tell me I will sleep at night
Just don't tell me the truth will come to light*

*Please don't tell me anymore
I have strived to know these things
I know these things mean so much more*

*Caprisha/Shamira Williams
Spring 2011*

By the Numbers

According to the Summer/May 2015 Bureau of Justice Statistics, Crimes Against Persons with Disabilities 2009-2013 Statistical Tables:

*“The rate of violent victimization of persons with disabilities was more than twice the rate for persons without disabilities.”

*“Rates of serious violent victimization — rape, sexual assault, robbery, or aggravated assault — were more than three times higher for persons with disabilities.”

For more information go to:

<http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/press/capd0913stpr.cfm>

The work that we do together is very important!

Not Too Late to Listen

Past Webinars conducted by Illinois Imagines can be downloaded from the materials section of www.illinoisimagines.org. The webinars include guidance on using Illinois Imagines toolkit modules and providing trauma informed care.

Webinar Schedule

○ July 17, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - Nothing About Us Without Us

Self-Advocates from the Illinois Imagines Statewide team answered questions on self-advocate involvement. Learn how they became involved and what it means to each of them to share their passion for this work.

National Conference Recap

The Illinois Imagines Statewide team recently took part in the Communities of Practice, Practices of Promise: Disability Grant Program All Site Meeting in Kansas City. Team member Shirley Paceley presented the opening plenary and Alice Kieft and Mary Hettle took part in a plenary panel on the second day. Linda Sandman, Marge Parker, Teresa Tudor, Paceley, Kieft and Hettle all also presented workshops at the conference. For more information on all of the workshops or other conference material please contact the Statewide team.



From left to right, Illinois Imagines Statewide team members Alice Kieft, Mary Hettle and Marge Parker presented a workshop on starting empowerment groups at the National Grantee Meeting in May.



Self-Advocates for the Illinois Imagines Chicago team helped plan and lead a one-day symposium for health care professionals on May 14.

Illinois Imagines Chicago Team Holds Training

Six months of planning, eight hours of training, nine presenters, five panelists, 36 attendees, a small handful of volunteers . . . and one happy Illinois Imagines team!

The Illinois Imagines Chicago team, in collaboration with the UIC Sexuality and Disability Consortium sponsored a day-long symposium for health care professionals and adult protective service workers on May 14. The day kicked off with a keynote presentation “Understanding the Intersection of Sexual Violence and Disability” by Jaclyn Jackson, State SANE Coordinator from the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Megan Blomquist, Rape Victim Advocates and Linda Sandman, UIC Institute on Disability and Human Development.

Breakout sessions on the “Rights and Options for Survivors with Disabilities” and “Rape Trauma Response and How to Support Patients” were led by team members and a lunchtime presentation by Kim Eischen of the Chicago Hearing Society focused on “Medical Providers Working with the Deaf.” The day finished on a high note with a disability self-advocate panel discussion on what health care providers need to know about working with people with disabilities.

Each participant received a USB drive with the SANE guide developed by Illinois Imagines, a hard copy of the guide and other resources. Evaluation feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Comments included: “This should be a required class for medical professionals,” “Really informative,” “Information on rape trauma syndrome was important,” “Panel was a great contribution”, “Keep funding, this was important work.”
