

**Administration on Development Disabilities  
Technical Assistance Institute - Summary  
Reach Out! Believe Us It's Worth It!!  
Friday, August 11, 2006 11:00 a.m.**

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**Self-Advocacy and Leadership for Youth with Disabilities (SALYD) pronounced  
"salad"**

**Our Mission:**

I - Individuals

O - Opening

W - Working

A - Avenues

**2004 - Our History**

July: ASK Resource Center encourages DHS to apply for Youth Information and Resource Center Grant.

October: DHS awarded Youth Information and Resource Center Grant from ADD

December: DHS establishes key organizational partnerships.

**2005**

January: DHS hires project co-directors.

February: Initial meeting of co-directors and partners; determine that partners will serve as advisors with project leadership to come from youth.

March: First youth board meeting.

April: Board approves mission.

May: Board approves logo; members present at Risky Business conference and conduct focus groups.

June: Board members develop informational Power Point presentation.

July: Board approves SALYD brochure; SALYD funds production of Iowa Youth Leadership Forum video; board chair and directors present Power Point at TA Institute.

August: SALYD launches website, listserv and message board [www.salyd.org](http://www.salyd.org).

September: SALYD hosts disability rights activists Norman Kunc and Emma Van Der Klift who present to People First of Iowa, service providers, and at a Des Moines high school.

October: Board members present at state diversity conference.

November: Bylaws approved.

**2006**

January: SALYD adopts strategic plan; members record radio spots for [www.mytransitioniowa.org](http://www.mytransitioniowa.org)

February: SALYD partners with Third Wave to hold advocacy congress.

March: Members participate in state Parent/Educator Connection conference.

April: Members participate in Citizens Health Care Working Group town meeting; co-director presents at high school transition conference.

May: SALYD hosts “Spring Fling” social and recruiting event; co-director interviews legislative and gubernatorial candidates prior to Iowa Primary; co-director participates in Literacy for Leaders.

June: SALYD partners with ASK Resource Center to present at Arc of Iowa state convention.

### **Our Partners**

Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS)

ASK Resource Center

Iowa Division of Persons with Disabilities Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS)

Center for Disabilities and Development, Iowa’s University Center for Excellence on Disabilities (CDD)

Iowa Governor’s DD Council

Iowa Protection and Advocacy (P&A)

Sumo Group

Third Wave

ID Action

### **How Our Partners Have Helped Us**

Applied for initial grant

Provide project management and funding

ASK Family Resource Center

Provide office space for a monthly fee

Co-sponsored Spring Fling, allowing us to use their tax ID number

Include co-director in office life

Co-presented with SALYD at Arc state convention

Youth Leadership Forum - Assisted SALYD to identify youth leaders with disabilities

Center for Disabilities & Development - Assumed major administrative responsibility for grant when DHS grant manager had a serious auto accident

Iowa Governor’s DD Council

Staff regularly attend SALYD board meetings and lend expertise

Paid for food at board meetings

Paid start-up costs for website and message board

Staff members donate hours to help youth participate in social/training functions

Helping us to acquire nonprofit status

Pay for website hosting

People First of Iowa (PFI) - Helped us with start-up of our website

Points of Light foundation - Donated staff time to help us develop a strategic plan

### **How we reach out**

Website and Listserv

Communicate about upcoming events and recruit word of mouth

Norman Kunc/Emma Van der Klift Presentations

Spring Fling

Side SALYD's and Support Groups  
Providing Disability Accommodations, transportation and food  
Participating on State Boards and Commissions  
Statewide Independent Living Council  
Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council  
Iowa Council on Assistive Technology

## **RESOURCES**

Self-Advocacy and Leadership for Youth with Disabilities (SALYD)

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**This entire presentation and supplemental handout materials can be found at the following link:**

[http://www.ent-s-t.com/ADD\\_0806/08-11-06%20-%20009%20-%20Reach%20Out!%20-%20M\\_Hoenig.pdf](http://www.ent-s-t.com/ADD_0806/08-11-06%20-%20009%20-%20Reach%20Out!%20-%20M_Hoenig.pdf)