

Conference Registration Form

**ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON
OR**

Fill out online: ma-advocates.org/our-annual-conference

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Chicken Meal _____ Vegetarian _____

Special Diet _____

Registration Information

- **FULL PAYMENT MUST** be enclosed with this registration form.
- Do **NOT** complete this form if **you have already registered on-line.**
- **Circle** your workshop choices on reverse side.
- **If you need an ASL interpreter** please call MASS.

Registration Cost

ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY
(Including Support)

Registration Received by September 12th

Self-Advocate	(\$45)	\$ _____
Support/Other Attendee	(\$50)	\$ _____

Registration Received after September 12th

Self-Advocate	(\$50)	\$ _____
Support/Other Attendee	(\$55)	\$ _____

Additional Donation \$ _____

If you can, we thank you.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

*** Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed lunch.***

Please mail the COMPLETED FORM with CHECK made payable to M.A.S.S. **NO LATER THAN**

Wednesday, October 7th to M.A.S.S., 500 Harrison Ave. Suite 230 Boston, MA 02118

Please call Marie at the MASS office if you have any questions—617-624-7549 or e-mail - mass.office.info@gmail.com

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**Join us for our
18th Annual Self-Advocacy
Conference**

Self- Determination

“The Will to Achieve”



**Saturday, October 17th, 2015
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**The Best Western Royal
Plaza Hotel**

181 Boston Post Road West,
Marlborough, MA 01752
Toll Free (888) 543-9500

Hotel Rooms are available at a reduced rate on a **first come, first serve** so call the Best Western and reserve early!

MASS Advocates Standing Strong
500 Harrison Ave, Suite 230
Boston, MA 02118

Morning Session Workshops:

Workshop 1 Self-Determination is Just Another Word for Choice:

What is Self-Determination? Self-Determination is a powerful word. Learn what are the options that are available to you and how they can be beneficial.

Workshop 2 Do it the Write Way: Learn how to become a Self-Advocate through poetry, and how to create your own poetry. You will learn how to use poetry in your personal life.

Workshop 3 I Will Be Heard: Independence through Independent Support:

Hear from Self-Advocates who have faced different experiences of challenges as Self-Advocates in the legal, housing, education, employment, and health systems.

Workshop 4 Real Friends– Exploring Your Community: Learn how to explore your world, make connections with people, and know the boundaries of relationships.

Workshop 5 Twitter and How to Use It:

Learn how technology and social media can play a role in your life, have fun with, make connections with others.

Workshop 6 The New Me:

Hear about a Self-Advocate's journey after sustaining a TBI—overcoming what seemed to be insurmountable challenges and now having goals to go to college and lead a better quality of life.



Plan for the Day

(subject to change)

8:00 **Registration**

9:00 **Welcome: Explanation of the Day**

9:10 **Opening Remarks**

9:15 **Keynote Speaker**



10:00 **Break (15 minutes)**

10:15 **Regional Meeting and Elections**

Each Region will elect new members to the MASS State Board



11:15 **Break**

11:30 **Morning Sessions**

12:30 **Lunch (provided) & Recognitions**

2:00 **Afternoon Sessions**

3:00 **DANCE**



PARTY !!!

Afternoon Session Workshops:

Workshop 7 Choice and Control: Take more control of your life by learning from stories of other Self-Advocates who changed their lives through advocacy and hard work.

Workshop 8 Starting Your Own Business: Making Money Being Your Own Boss:

Learn how to take your interests and turn them into money making.

Workshop 9 How Supported Typing Helped Me Take Charge of My Life:

Hear about a man's experiences from living in an institution to living in the community and the importance of Self-Advocacy and speaking for the voiceless through his personal journey.

Workshop 10 What is Involved in Directing Your Supports (Our Own Experiences):

Self-Advocates share key features of self-directed supports, how they like it, and their recommendations.

Workshop 11 From Self-Advocacy to Systems Change: A Crash Course in Getting Bills Passed:

Ever wonder how the Massachusetts Legislature works? Learn the process and how your advocacy can make a difference.

Workshop 12 Self-Determination through Challenges:

Hear from a group of Self-Advocates who learned how to face their fears and set goals for themselves through their experiences as a group in an exciting outdoor adventure.