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# Expanding Self-Advocacy



Sangha Unity Network, Inc.

End-of-Year Report, Year 4  
Another Global Pandemic Year of January 2021 - December 2021

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In 2018, Sangha Unity Network (SUN) received our first grant from the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities to expand self-advocacy across the state. We have been working with self-advocates to take active roles in their lives and communities as we strengthen Georgia's self-advocacy network established in 2019 as Uniting for Change (U4C). Self-advocacy leaders are being supported to teach other self-advocates the importance of "Rising Up and Speaking Out." We are committed to assisting people with disabilities to have a seat at the table... at all the tables where decisions are made. In 2020, we shifted to connecting and supporting self-advocates to enhance their advocacy and technology skills as the world adjusted to the COVID-19 pandemic.



This report gives an overview of SUN's efforts in 2021 with U4C as this self-advocacy network became a force throughout the state, increasing our presence, leadership skills, and advocacy work.

This past year, we continued holding virtual Leadership Collective Meetings and hosting and facilitating Community Strong on Mondays. We presented workshops virtually for self-advocates explaining what self-advocacy is, the rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities, and what it means to be a citizen. Workshop facilitators shared personal stories about their experiences moving out of group homes and institutions, getting jobs, becoming stronger advocates as they learned to rise up and speak out. The Leadership Collective also designed a workshop specifically for providers, supporters, and allies to learn more about self-advocacy and how people want to be supported.

Throughout 2021, U4C was asked to present at the Toronto Summer Institute, SPADD, DBHDD Learning Journey, and SARTAC. Individual members strengthened their advocacy skills and several had new employment and/or committee opportunities.

In April, we were honored to receive the 2021 *Stronger Together* Advocacy Award from Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities! We put together a short video award where advocates described what it meant to them to receive this award.

In November, the Uniting for Change Leadership Collective came together for a retreat in North Georgia called the Power of Resilience. Please see the **ATTACHMENT: Retreat Highlights** detailing our work together.

SUN's accomplishments in working to expand self-advocacy in Georgia throughout 2021 were many, as were the accomplishments of self-advocates uniting together. Together, we set the stage as advocates became known and U4C was recognized in Georgia as a self-advocacy network with power in speaking up and being heard. We look forward to supporting the self-advocacy movement to become more sustainable.

## Ongoing Technology Support to Enhance Virtual Participation

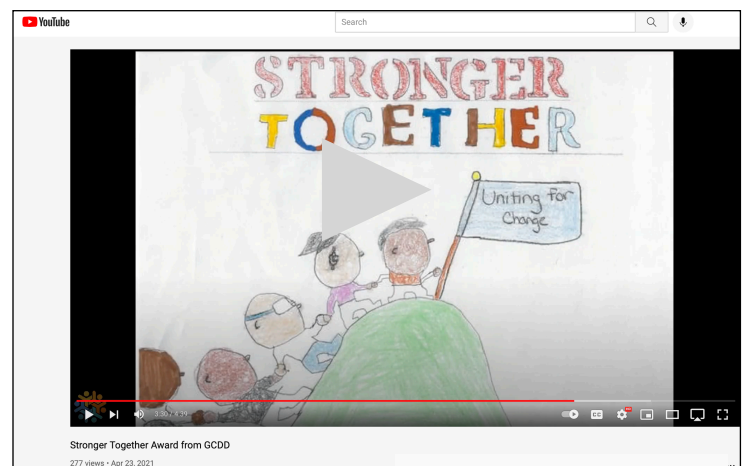
As COVID-19 continued to impact us all in 2021, we worked harder to reach out to self-advocates and connect through virtual meetings, advocacy virtual events, Community Strong, and opportunities with SARTAC. We continued supporting the advocates who received laptops in 2020, providing individual technical assistance to enhance computer skills as well as troubleshooting.

People became more familiar with the programs and technology, sharpening their skill sets to not only participate in Zoom meetings, but also to host and facilitate. During our November retreat, we had a computer-help station on site where people could get 1:1 support to better navigate their computers and access online platforms. We performed scheduled maintenance, installed updates and taught advocates how to resolve common errors in the future.



During our November Leadership Collective retreat, we recognized the self-advocates who are committed to being in a leadership role with U4C and celebrated the award we received in April from GCDD. The *Stronger Together* Award recognized a group or organization who advanced advocacy in Georgia.

Following the award ceremony, SUN worked with the Leadership Collective to quickly produce a video announcing the award U4C received with self-advocates describing what the award meant to them. Video Link here: <https://youtu.be/ihkq1EvY2FQ>. This video was shared by other advocacy organizations and U4C received multiple accolades and glowing comments.



# Rise Up, Speak Out Self-Advocacy Workshops



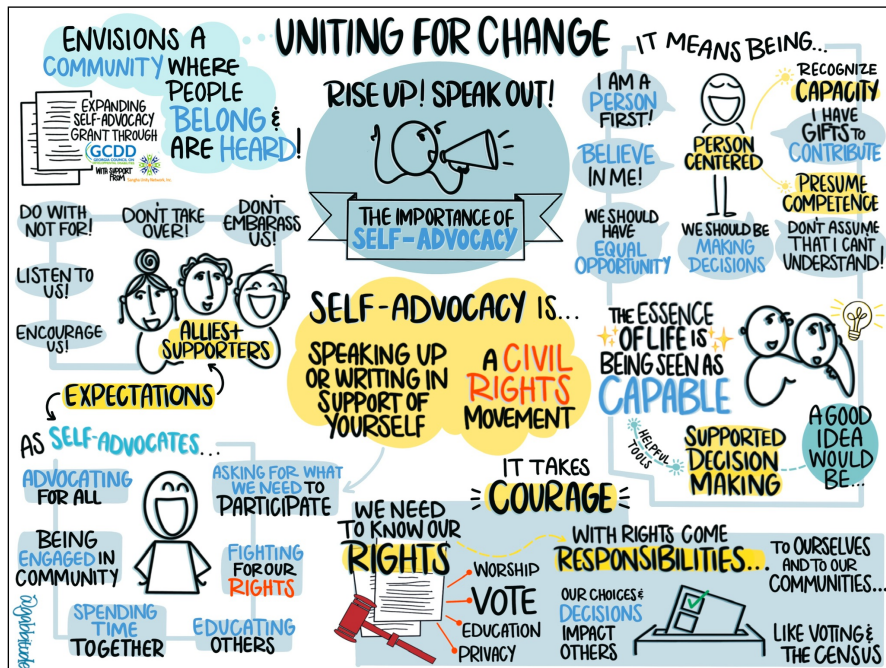
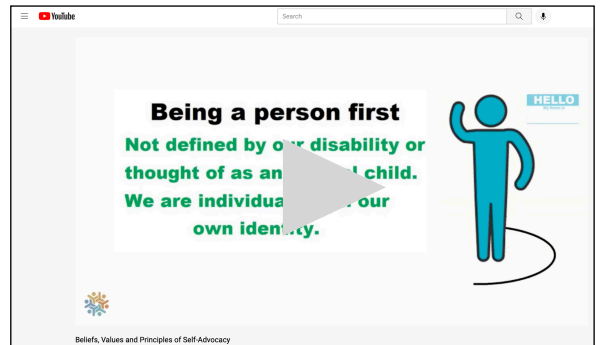
**Workshop Attendance:**

**February 18, 2021**  
**76** total participants, **25** self-advocates

**February 23, 2021**  
**55** total participants, **22** self-advocates

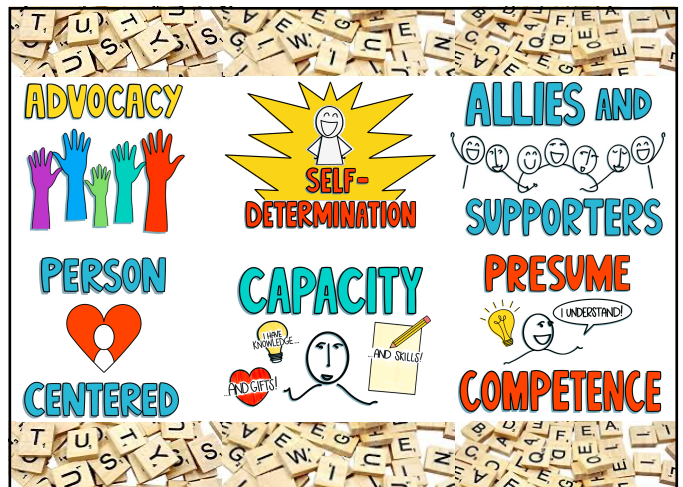
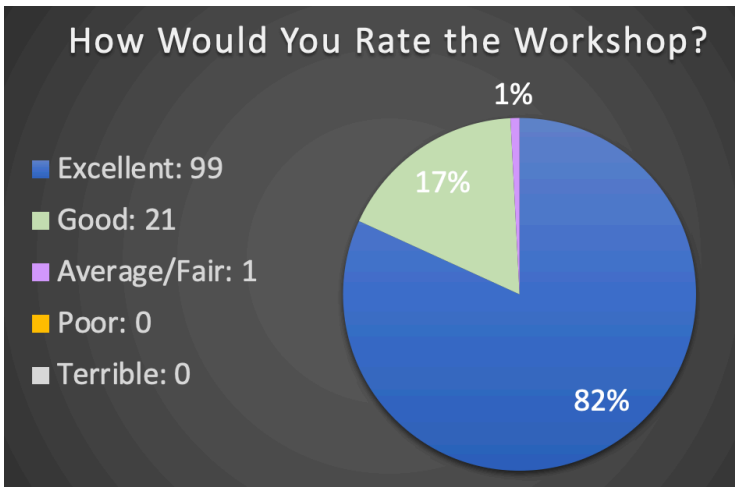
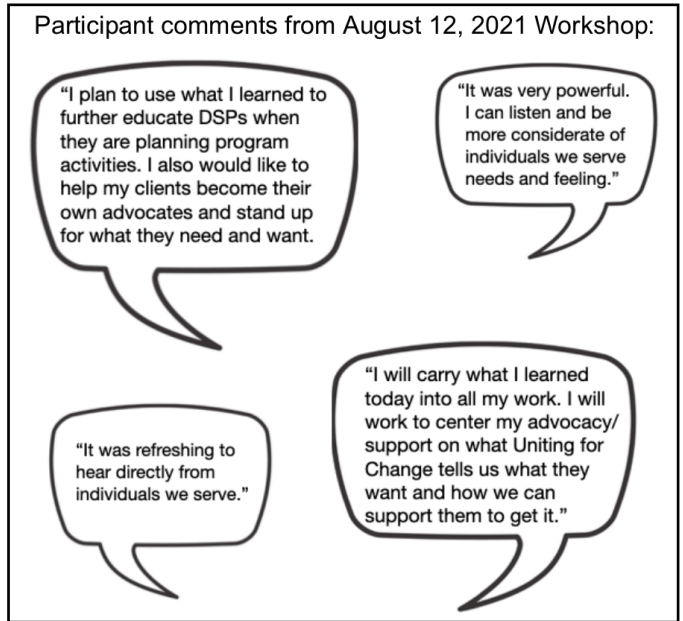
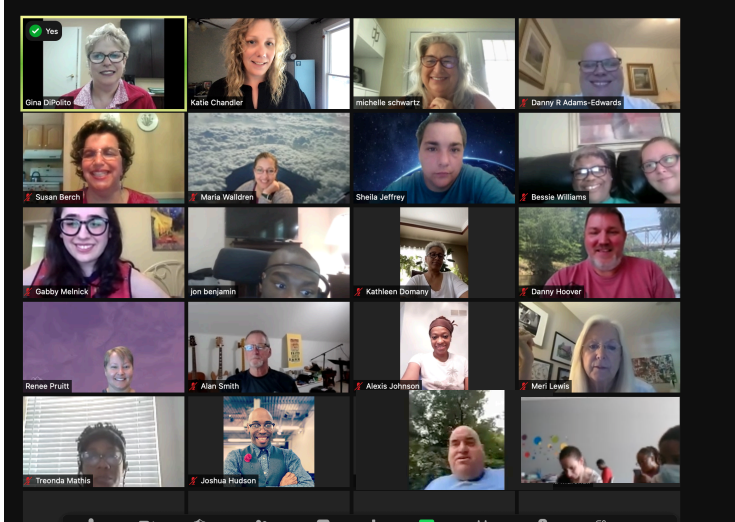
SUN supported U4C members to facilitate two RISE UP, SPEAK Out workshops. We started these in 2020 and were asked to do more in 2021. The Leadership Collective designed the curriculum and facilitated the workshops, educating other self-advocates about Uniting for Change, describing what self-advocacy is, defining our rights and responsibilities, and discussing what it means to be a citizen. Folks were able to connect with one another and learn about using their voices as advocates to let people know their hopes and dreams and how they need to be supported. We mailed workshop packets to people who registered with a Zoom Guide, workshops slides, voting buttons, and human rights sheet.

Following this workshop, we created a video with self-advocates describing the beliefs, values, and principles of self-advocacy: <https://bit.ly/U4CSelfAdvocacy>



# Power of Self-Advocacy Workshop

Together with U4C, we created a workshop specifically for Providers, Supporters, and Allies to learn from self-advocates more about self-advocacy and how self-advocates want to be supported. We presented 3 workshops in August entitled “The Power of Self-Advocacy” to a total of 159 participants.

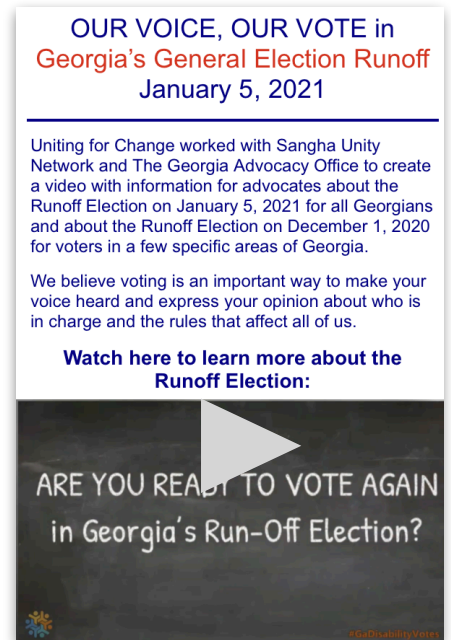


Power of Self-Advocacy Attendance	12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug
Supervisor/Manager	8	13	13
Direct Support Professional	12	9	11
Other Supporter/Ally	6	5	4
Self-Advocate	8	9	15
Support Coordination	6	11	6
DBHDD Employee	1	5	2
Family Member of Self-Advocate	2	6	9
<b>TOTAL # Attended</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>

## Voter Education

Advocates with Uniting for Change Leadership Collective participated in recording videos for Georgia's runoff election on January 5, 2021. We included pertinent information about deadlines, absentee voting, tracking your ballot, finding your polling place, and the 4 Senate candidates and 2 Public Service Commissioner candidates.

These videos were produced in collaboration with the Georgia Advocacy Office and Sign1News, who shared the videos on their news platform, reaching thousands. All were produced with captions and side-by-side American Sign Language. The Run-off Election and Cure Your Ballot videos were also produced in Spanish with Spanish Sign Language. All voting videos are available in our Youtube Channel: <https://bit.ly/YoutubeSUN>



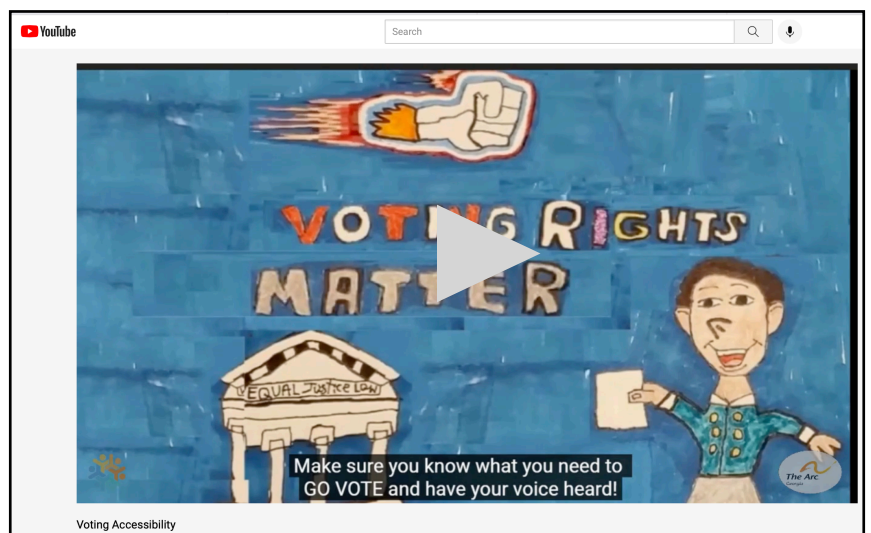
Later in the year, in September, SUN and U4C were asked to create 3 videos about changes to voting in Georgia as a result of Senate Bill 202 that might make it harder for people to vote in 2021. These videos were made with support from the Arc Georgia, Sangha Unity Network, and the Georgia Advocacy Office with artwork by U4C Member Derek Heard.

Video 1: VOTING ACCESSIBILITY talks about voting accessibility, what changed in the new laws in 2021, and getting the accommodations you need to vote as a voter with a disability.

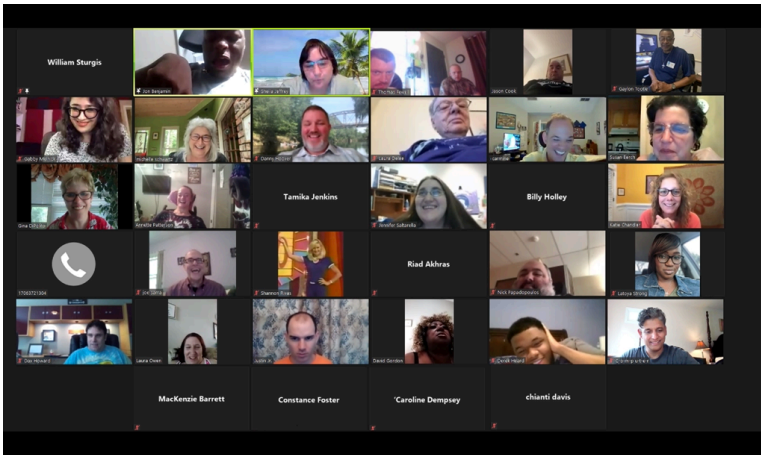
Video 2: VOTING WITH ABSENTEE BALLOT is about the laws that changed about what you need to know about completing the application and casting your absentee ballot. As a voter with a disability, you can ask anyone you choose to assist you to apply for and vote with an absentee ballot. Only an authorized person can help you return your absentee ballot.

Video 3: IN-PERSON VOTING is about voting in-person - both early voting and on Election Day, and asking for accommodations to help you vote.

<https://bit.ly/VotingU4C>

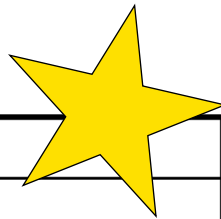


# COMMUNITY STRONG

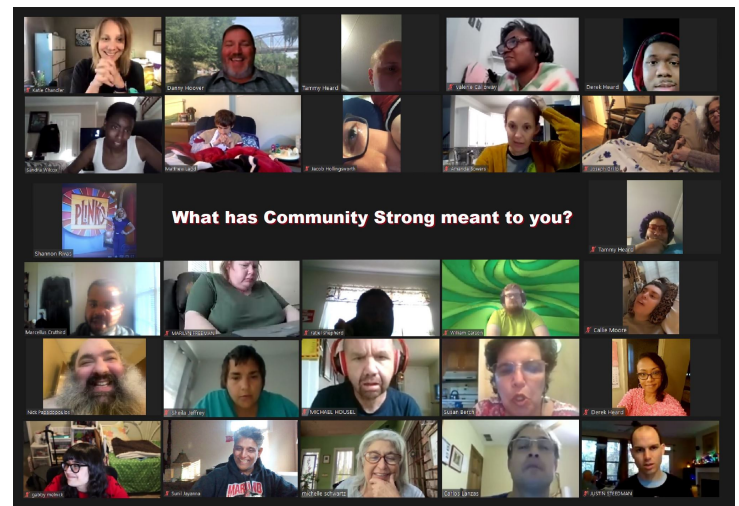
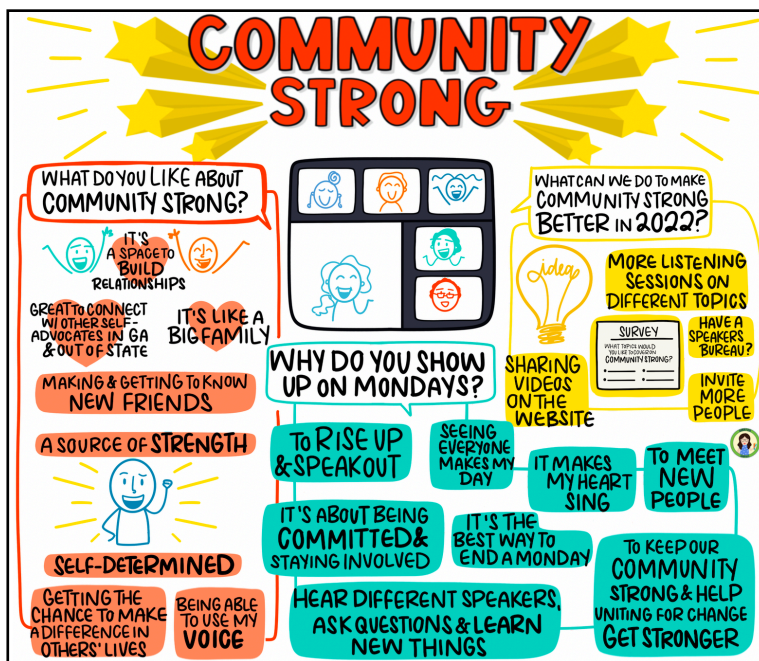


COMMUNITY STRONG is a weekly ZOOM gathering led by self-advocates for self-advocates. Each week, we have a different host and honored guest. We learn from each other, share stories, laugh, and spend time connecting. Every week we sent an announcement that included photos of the upcoming host and guest, a screen shot of the previous week's participants taken during the show, and a graphic summarizing the discussion created by @GABBITUDE. People tell us they look forward the show every Monday afternoon.

In 2021:



41	Community Strong Shows
830	Total Self-Advocates throughout 2021
99	Unduplicated Count of Self-Advocates Participating
551	Total Allies/Supporters throughout 2021
146	Unduplicated Count of Allies/Supporters Participating
1381	Total Participants in 41 Shows during 2021



The following chart shows details of each week, including the date, name of host, name of guest, word of the week, total attendees, number of self-advocates, number of *new* self-advocates (who haven't participated before), number of allies/supporters, and the number of *new* allies/supporters (who haven't participated before).

Date	Host	Guest	Word	Total Attendees	# of Self-Advocates	# NEW Self-Advocates	# Allies / Supporters	# NEW Allies / Supporter
4-Jan	Carmine Vara	Jenn Hobby - STAR 94	Possibility	34	16	16	18	16
11-Jan	Michael House	Dave Wilber - Diversified Enterprises	Empowering	34	24	8	10	9
25-Jan	Gina DiPolito	Michelle Williams	Helpful	41	20	4	21	6
1-Feb	Susan Berch	Terri Bonoff - Jewish Family & Career Services	Amazing	49	21	9	28	4
8-Feb	Sheila Jeffrey	Danny Hoover - Diversified Enterprises	Hope	38	20	7	18	3
15-Feb	Gina DiPolito	Taylor Graham Hoover - Singer Songwriter	Love & Music	44	19	7	25	8
22-Feb	Ben Oxley	Nick Papadopoulos - Self-Advocate	6000 Waiting	47	26	14	21	16
1-Mar	Marilyn Freeman	Shemika Clifton - DSP	Family	33	26	4	7	3
8-Mar	Michael House	Destiny White - Self-Advocate	Destiny	30	18	3	12	4
15-Mar	Darien Todd	Mark Crenshaw - Center for Leadership in Disability	Leadership	39	25	5	14	6
22-Mar	Susan Berch	Mira Mutnick - Georgia Tech	Abilities	34	24	3	10	3
29-Mar	Susan Berch	Abby Frantz - Jewish Family & Career Services	Inclusion	30	19	2	11	5
12-Apr	Carlos Lanzas	Diane Lynch	Immigrants with Disabilities	31	21	0	10	1
19-Jul	Jon Benjamin	Josie Baker - DBHDD RSA Region 2	Excellence	42	22	1	20	9
26-Apr	Nandi Isaac	Aarti Sahgal - Synergies Work	Employment	34	19	0	15	3
3-May	Derek Heard	Linsley Tucker - Art Teacher	Creating Artwork	41	29	0	12	3
10-May	Jon Benjamin	Sheila Jeffrey - Self-Advocate	Dreams	38	24	0	14	4
17-May	Carmine Vara	Mark LaRocca-Pitts - Pastor	Inspiration	33	21	1	12	4
24-May	Susan Berch	Sunil Jayanna - SUN	Independent	35	22	1	13	2
7-Jun	Marilyn Freeman	Katie Chandler - SUN	Advocate	24	15	0	9	1
14-Jun	Darien Todd	Michael Kendrick - Center for Public Representation	Supported Decision-Making	31	18	0	13	2
28-Jun	Jon Benjamin	Marilyn Freeman - Self-Advocate	Imagination	25	17	0	8	0
12-Jul	Marilyn Freeman	Jon Benjamin - Self-Advocate	Gifts	25	17	0	8	0
19-Jul	Susan Berch	Gillian Grable - Institute on Human Development & Disability	Fortunate/Blessed	39	20	1	19	2
26-Jul	Martha Haythorn	Susanna Miller-Raines - Center for Leadership in Disability	Thankful	34	22	2	12	3
9-Aug	Marilyn Freeman	Susan Berch - Self-Advocate	Purpose	32	18	0	14	0
16-Aug	Sheila Jeffrey	Michelle Schwartz - SUN	Patience	32	21	0	11	0
23-Aug	Susan Berch	Derona King - Citizen Advocacy Atlanta DeKalb	Social Justice	30	18	1	12	2
30-Aug	Naomi Williams	Listening Session with GCDD	COVID Vaccine	47	29	4	18	8
13-Sep	Jon Benjamin	Parker Glick - Georgia Advocacy Office	Responsibility	34	19	0	15	2
20-Sep	Derek Heard	Dana Lloyd - Georgia Advocacy Office	Rights	39	23	0	16	3
27-Sep	Marilyn Freeman	April Reed - Clinical Supervisor Creative Consulting Services	Positivity	32	19	0	13	1
4-Oct	Laura Delee	Maria Pinkelton - Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities	Unity	38	24	0	14	0
18-Oct	Carlos Lanzas	Brandt White - Self-Advocate	Family	33	19	0	14	0
25-Oct	Sheila Jeffrey	Knetta Adkins - Georgians for a Healthy Future	Medicaid Advocacy	26	17	0	9	0
1-Nov	Sandra Wilcox	Sheila Jeffrey - Self-Advocate	Self-Determination	27	13	1	14	1
15-Nov	Ratiel Shepherd	Francine Davis - Diversified Enterprises	Resilience	34	23	1	11	2
29-Nov	SUN	All	What has Community Strong Meant to You?	29	17	0	12	1
6-Dec	Sheila Jeffrey	LaRhonda Howard - Friend/Ally	Allies & Supporters	19	15	1	4	2
13-Dec	Susan Berch	Will Robertson - Musician	Beauty	26	15	2	11	6
20-Dec	Marilyn Freeman	Christopher Patterson - RHA	Celebrate	18	15	1	3	1
<b>41 Shows</b>				<b>TOTAL # Participants:</b>				
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## COVID-19 Vaccine Video

In partnership with the Georgia Advocacy Office and Uniting for Change, SUN produced and distributed a COVID-19 Vaccine Video in March 2021 when vaccines first became available for individuals with disabilities. We filmed Dr. Andrea Videlefsky with Adult Disability Medical Healthcare Clinic talking about how the vaccines work and who should get vaccinated. We also filmed several self-advocates talking about why they want to get the vaccine. We received great feedback including: “The video from Uniting for Change is AWESOME for anyone who may not have seen it! We shared it will all staff to forward on to providers and families,” from Twana King, Director, Georgia Support Solutions.

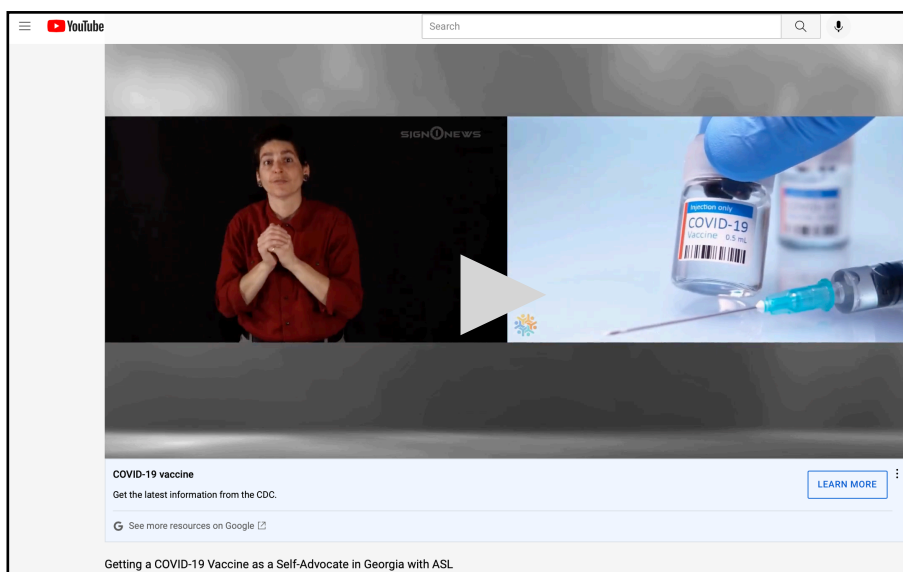
The video answered these questions:

- How does the vaccine work?
- Is the vaccine safe?
- Who shouldn't get a vaccine?
- How do you find a vaccine?
- What happens when you get a vaccine?
- What do you need to know about after getting a vaccine?

Our appreciation to the folks who helped make this video:

- Marilyn Freeman, Uniting for Change, Rome, GA
- Michael Housel, Uniting for Change, Tifton, GA
- Nandi Isaac, Uniting for Change, Macon, GA
- Brad King, Uniting for Change, Fitzgerald, GA
- Callie Moore, Uniting for Change, Athens, GA
- Dr. Andrea Videlefsky, Adult Disability Medical Healthcare Clinic, Marietta, GA
- Brandt White, Uniting for Change, Evans, GA

<https://bit.ly/U4CVaccineASL>



# COVID-19 Listening Session

In September, we facilitated a Covid-19 Listening Session with GCDD, Naomi Williams, to hear from folks with DD and those who support people with DD about getting COVID-19 vaccines and any barriers. 84 people participated in the Zoom session.

Data from polls showed:

- 4 out of 19 providers answered that they know people who want to get vaccinated whose families are opposed to the person getting the vaccine.
- 3 out of 26 people indicated there are barriers to getting the vaccine.

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL GUEST**

**NAOMI WILLIAMS**

**COMMUNITY STRONG**  
THE WORD OF THE WEEK IS

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

**BEING RESPECTFUL TO OURSELVES & OTHERS BY TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR ACTIONS**

**COVID-19 & THE VACCINE**

**COVID & THE FLU ARE DIFFERENT VIRUSES....**

**THE FLU SHOT DOES NOT PROTECT YOU FROM COVID**

**\* THE COVID SHOT DOES NOT PROTECT YOU FROM THE FLU!**

**KIDS UNDER 12: NOT YET ABLE TO GET THE COVID VACCINE. CLINICAL TRIALS ARE UNDERWAY!**

**COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS THE NEXT FEW MONTHS & WILL HELP PROTECT YOU! TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ABOUT WHEN TO GET YOURS!**

**EVEN IF YOU'RE VACCINATED, IT'S STILL A GOOD IDEA TO WEAR A MASK INDOORS, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE & WASH YOUR HANDS!**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR A**  
1) COVID TEST 2) COVID VACCINE

**I WANTED TO PROTECT MYSELF & OTHERS**

**I WANT TO BE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, NOT SITTING @ HOME**

**I GOT THE VACCINE BECAUSE...**

**I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SPEND TIME WITH MY FAMILY**

**I WANT TO GET BACK TO DAILY LIFE**

**I DON'T WANT TO GET COVID**

## 6000 Waiting Film Screening

SUN and U4C together hosted a *6000 Waiting* Screening on March 1st where 144 people participated. We sent the announcement out to the 8,786 people on our mailing list in Constant Contact.

Following the screening, we facilitated a panel discussion with self-advocates, including 2 who were in the film.

We asked the following questions:

- What have waiver supports provided you?
- What will supports mean for you?
- You got a waiver in 2009, how is your life different than before having waiver supports?
- How can waiver services be improved?
- Tell us what folks can do to help? What is most important advocacy action right now?

After the event, we sent a follow-up email to participants asking them to complete a survey and to take action and get involved by asking their legislators to fully fund the services individuals on the New Options Waiver (NOW) or Comprehensive Supports Waiver (COMP) waiting list require.

Monday, March 1, 2021  
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM



Following the 30 minute film, we will host a conversation and have discussion with:

- Sheila Jeffrey, Advocate, Uniting for Change
- Jon Benjamin, Advocate, Uniting for Change
- Charlie Miller, Legislative Advocacy Director, GCDD
- Ben Oxley, Advocate and *6,000 Waiting* film star
- Nick Papadopoulos, Advocate and *6,000 Waiting* film star

We will hear stories from self-advocates about using waiver services and advocating to have more of the good things in life. Ben will talk with us about the film and how we can advocate together. We will also hear from Charlie about next steps and what we can all DO to make a difference and impact change.

<b>TOTAL # Attended</b>	144
<b>Demographic Data: Role</b>	
Self-Advocate	12
Other professional	95
Ally/Supporter with Self-Advocate	19
Family/Member with Self-Advocate	18
<b>Demographic Data: Gender</b>	
Female	110
Male	32
Prefer Not to Answer	2
<b>Demographic Data: Race</b>	
Black/African American	45
Asian	1
White	84
Native Hawaiian/Pacific	0
Hispanic/Latino	2
Prefer Not to Answer	12



## Transportation Needed

U4C's Impact and Engagement Committee helped put out an outreach email to legislators regarding the lack of transportation, especially for people with disabilities in rural areas of Georgia. Three gentlemen from Statesboro with Uniting for Change worked together with the University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at the University of Georgia to create a short film talking about their need to access transportation in their rural community: <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/ihdd/transportation-project>

Each of these guys want to work, contribute, and make money, instead of spending their time in a day program for people with disabilities. A barrier they have in common with many other Georgians with I/DD is the lack of transportation to get to and from work. We shared this video with advocates across Georgia, as well as the Senate and House Transportation Committee Members of the Georgia General Assembly and our US Senators.



Date: February 22, 2021

To: House Committee on Transportation Members  
Senate Committee on Transportation Members

Cc: Georgia Developmental Disability Network

From: Uniting for Change

Dear Senate and House Transportation Committee Members,

Greetings from Uniting for Change, a statewide network of self-advocates who are "uniting Georgians and influencing change by speaking up and taking control of our lives." We are a group of folks in Georgia who have intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) and we are working to make sure our voices are heard. Together with our allies and supporters, we advocate and make change. Our Impact and Engagement Committee has been connecting with our elected officials and we are happy to introduce ourselves to you.

One thing we are concerned about in Georgia is the lack of transportation, especially for people with disabilities in rural areas of Georgia. Three gentlemen from Statesboro (pictured here) worked together with the University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) at the University of Georgia to create a short film talking about their need to access transportation in their rural community.



Three Men Who Need a Ride: Shane Stone, Bo Davis, and Ricky Holland



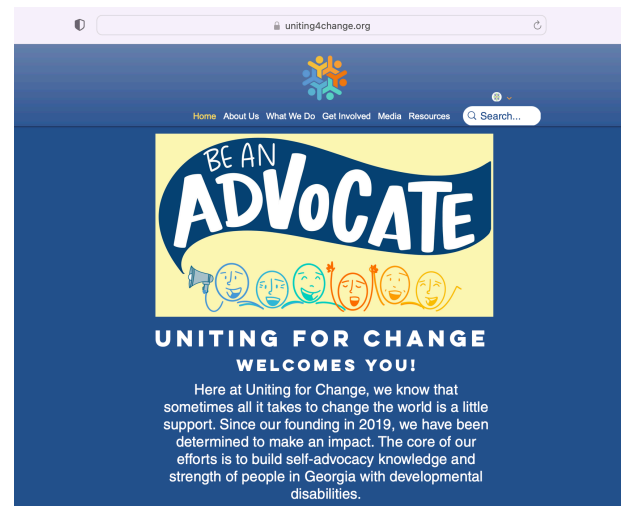
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Good Afternoon, Hello my name is William H. Davis. But my friends and loves ones call me Bo. I am a member of the self advocate and me and two of my other peeks made a video on how transportation is needed in many different rural areas. I live in a small town called Statesboro where transportation for a adult like me isnt easy to find. I am a 50 year old man that lives in a community housing with three other adults. I am also vision impaired so getting a drivers license will not happen. Having a Transportation system that will benefit not only me but also benefit other with in our city. I would love to attend football and basketball game, go to car show, and mostly get a job. I have had many jobs before, but due to lack of transportation I am unable to work. I love working and wish I could work again. Me and two other guys made a video of how transportation would benefit us in may different ways. If you would take a small time outside of your busy day and watch our video.

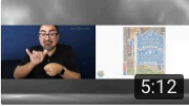
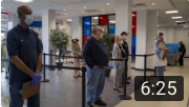
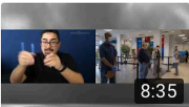



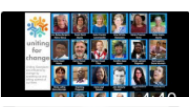


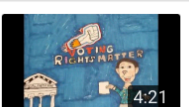
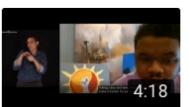

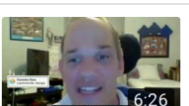
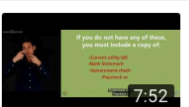
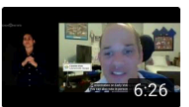
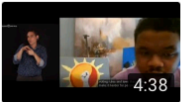
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## Outreach Efforts

- Revamped a U4C website:  
[www.uniting4change.org](http://www.uniting4change.org)
- Increased Facebook presence  
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- Increased Instagram presence:  
[www.instagram.com/Unitingforchangegeorgia](http://www.instagram.com/Unitingforchangegeorgia)
- Managed direct link for folks to sign up for U4C Mailing List: [bit.ly/Uniting4ChangeSignUp](http://bit.ly/Uniting4ChangeSignUp)
- Created and distributed newsletters with U4C's mission and vision, updates, photos, recent successes, requests for advocacy, and upcoming workshops.
- Provided quarterly updates and news to be distributed by GCDD for the Advocate's Corner in *Making a Difference* Magazine
- Provided updates and news to be distributed by SPADD News & Notes to their provider membership and DBHDD to disseminate in their BE DBHDD newsletter.
- Increased our email list in Constant Contact via 2 sign up forms and are including more providers, support coordinators, staff at agencies.
- Distributed updates via email and Facebook with registration links for Community Strong. These included photos of upcoming host and guest and a screen shot of previous week's participants, during the show and a graphic summarizing the discussion from @gabbitude.



# Videos Produced by SUN in 2021:

	<p><b>Cure Your Ballot (American Sign Language )</b></p> <p>Bessie with Uniting for Change, a self-advocacy network in Georgia, will talks about how to cure your ballot. "We are encouraging all Georgians with disabilities to...</p>	<p>Jan 2, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>CURAR SU BOLETA (Cure Your Ballot - Spanish)</b></p> <p>¡Nosotros en Uniting for Change, una red de autodefensa en Georgia, estamos animando a todos los georgianos con discapacidades a influir en el cambio y hablar!...</p>	<p>Jan 5, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>CURAR SU BOLETA (Cure Your Ballot - Spanish &amp; ASL)</b></p> <p>¡Nosotros en Uniting for Change, una red de autodefensa en Georgia, estamos animando a todos los georgianos con discapacidades a influir en el cambio y hablar!...</p>	<p>Jan 6, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>Beliefs, Values and Principles of Self-Advocacy</b></p> <p>Uniting for Change Advocates describe the beliefs, values, and principles of self-advocacy, as defined by Inclusion International that represent a significant departure...</p>	<p>Jan 13, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine as a Self-Advocate in Georgia with ASL</b></p> <p>Uniting for Change advocates and Dr. Andrea Videlefsky with Adult Disability Medical Healthcare Clinic talk about the COVID-19 vaccine. Adults with intellectual and...</p>	<p>Mar 7, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine as a Self-Advocate in Georgia</b></p> <p>Uniting for Change advocates and Dr. Andrea Videlefsky with Adult Disability Medical Healthcare Clinic talk about the COVID-19 vaccine. Adults with intellectual and...</p>	<p>Mar 8, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>Stronger Together Award from GCDD</b></p> <p>Add Association</p>	<p>Apr 23, 2021 Published</p>
	<p>Click here to access SUN </p>	
	<p><b>Voting Accessibility</b></p> <p>Since the last election the state of Georgia has changed some voting rules and laws that might make it harder for people to vote. We at Uniting for Change want to make...</p>	<p>Sep 29, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>Voting Accessibility (ASL)</b></p> <p>Since the last election the state of Georgia has changed some voting rules and laws that might make it harder for people to vote. We at Uniting for Change want to make...</p>	<p>Oct 5, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>Voting with Absentee Ballot in Georgia by Uniting for Change</b></p> <p>After historic turnout in the 2020 election, Georgia legislators made changes on how we can vote in Georgia. We at Uniting for Change want we to make sure that all peop...</p>	<p>Oct 14, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>In Person Voting in Georgia by Uniting for Change</b></p> <p>After historic turnout in the 2020 election, Georgia legislators made changes on how we can vote in Georgia. We at Uniting for Change want we to make sure that all peop...</p>	<p>Oct 22, 2021 Published</p>
	<p><b>Voting with Absentee Ballot In Georgia by Uniting for Change (ASL)</b></p> <p>After historic turnout in the 2020 election, Georgia legislators made changes on how we can vote in Georgia. We at Uniting for Change want we to make sure that all peop...</p>	<p>Oct 24, 2021 Published</p>
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## Additional Presentations by U4C Advocates



**March 11, 2021**

SARTAC

72 participants from around the US

Presented to SARTAC March 11 where 72 people attended and learned about Uniting for Change and what self-advocates are doing in Georgia.

**April 27, 2021**

Service Provider Association of Developmental Disabilities (SPADD)

122 participants

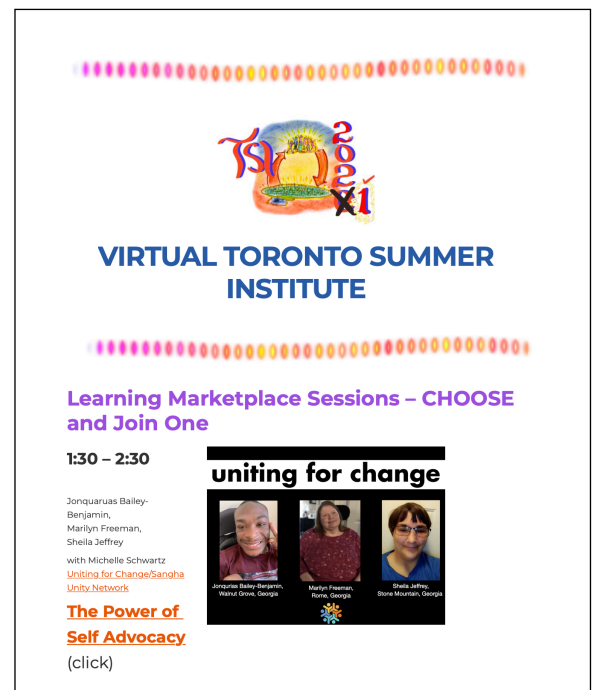
Three Leadership Collective members presented at the SPADD for service providers across GA. The group talked about what self-advocates want from allies and supporters and what U4C has been doing over these last few years.

**July 14, 2021**

Toronto Summer Institute

37 participants from all over the world

Two Leadership Collective members presented at the 2021 virtual Toronto Summer Institute about the Power of Self-Advocacy. 37 folks attended who were engaged, supportive and asked questions about supporting self-advocates.



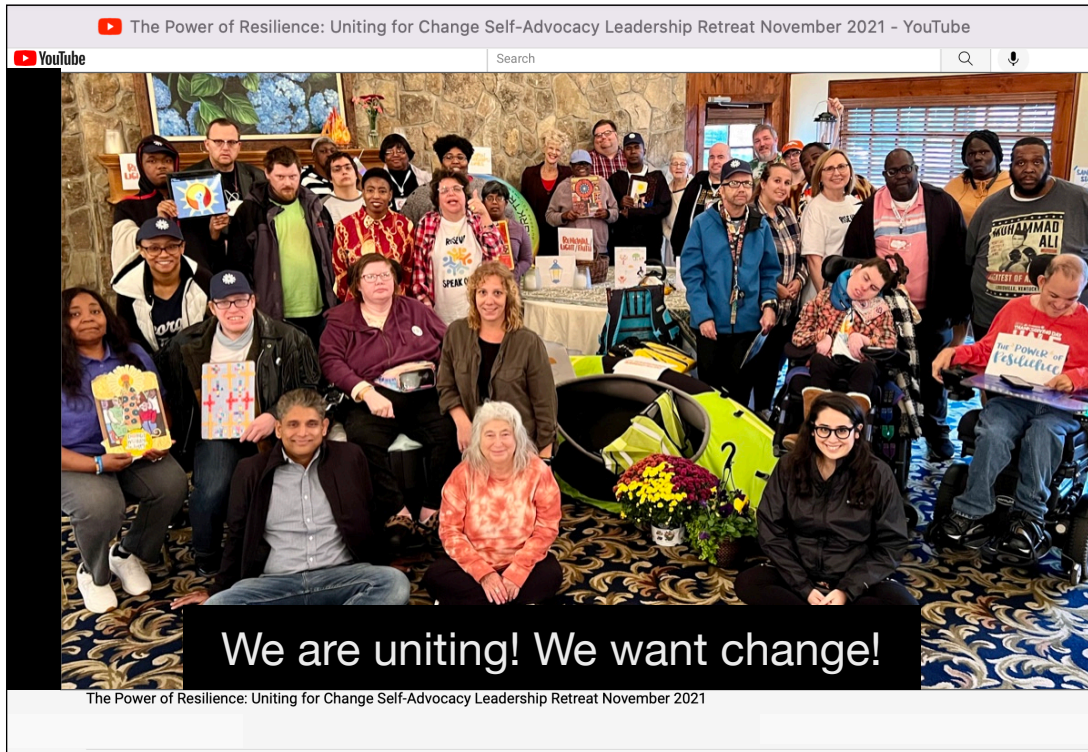
# Total Number of People Impacted

## (Grant Objectives and Performance Measures)

<b>OBJECTIVE 1:</b> Ongoing development and sustainability of Uniting for Change: SUN will work to expand self-advocacy and increase the visibility of Uniting for Change across Georgia while working with self-advocates to strengthen their leadership, advocacy, and communication skills.				<b>OBJECTIVE 3:</b> SUN will demonstrate impact of expanding self-advocacy project in Georgia.			
<b>DD Suite Category</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Total Reached</b>	<b>DD Suite Category</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Total Reached</b>
IFA 1.1	The number of people with developmental disabilities who participated in Council supported activities designed to increase their knowledge of how to take part in decisions that affect their lives, the lives of others, and/or systems.	100	<b>132</b>	Demographic - Gender of People with DD	Male Persons - DD	15	<b>30</b>
IFA 1.3	The number of 'other individuals' who participated in Council supported in activities designed to increase their knowledge.	75	<b>484</b>		Female Persons - DD	15	<b>38</b>
					Other Gender - DD	0	<b>0</b>
<b>OBJECTIVE 2:</b> SUN will assist Uniting for Change to organize and facilitate a virtual and/or in-person Self-Advocacy Retreat to provide opportunities for self-advocates, supporters & allies to enhance advocacy skills, increase momentum and action across Georgia to further expand self-advocacy, prioritize next steps for Uniting for Change and build relationships with other self-advocates and allies.				Demographic - Gender of Family Members	Male - Family Members	1	<b>9</b>
DD Suite Category	Performance Measure	Target	Total Reached		Female - Family Members	3	<b>33</b>
					Other Gender - Family Members	0	<b>0</b>
IFA 1.1	The number of people with developmental disabilities who participated in Council supported activities designed to increase their knowledge of how to take part in decisions that affect their lives, the lives of others, and/or systems.	75	<b>22</b>	Demographic - Geography of People with DD	Urban - DD	15	<b>42</b>
<b>OBJECTIVE 3:</b> SUN will demonstrate impact of expanding self-advocacy project in Georgia.					Rural - DD	10	<b>26</b>
DD Suite Category	Performance Measure	Target	Total Reached	Demographic - Geography of Family Members	Urban. - Family Members	2	<b>26</b>
					Rural - Family Members	2	<b>15</b>
DD Suite Category	Performance Measure	Target	Total Reached	Demographic - Race of People with DD	White, Alone - DD	15	<b>36</b>
					Black/African American - DD	15	<b>35</b>
					Asian American - DD	1	<b>3</b>
					Native American/Alaska - DD	0	<b>0</b>
					Hispanic/Latino - DD	1	<b>1</b>
					Native American/Pacific - DD	0	<b>0</b>
					Two or More Races - DD	1	<b>2</b>
					Race Unknown - DD	2	<b>0</b>
					Some other Race - DD	0	<b>0</b>
					DD Suite Category	Performance Measure	Target
Black/African American - Family	2	<b>15</b>					
Asian American - Family	0	<b>1</b>					
Native American/Alaska - Family	0	<b>0</b>					
Hispanic/Latino - Family	0	<b>0</b>					
Native American/Pacific - Family	0	<b>0</b>					
Two or More Races - Family	0	<b>1</b>					
Race Unknown - Family	0	<b>0</b>					
Some other Race - Family	0	<b>1</b>					
IFA 2.1A	After participation in Council supported activities, the number of people with developmental disabilities who responded to follow up inquiries about increasing their advocacy.	40	<b>70</b>				
IFA 2.1B	Of the total in IFA 2.1B, the number of PWDD who responded that they are 'better able to say what they want, etc.'	30	<b>69</b>				
IFA.2.3IND	Of the total in IFA 2.1B, the number of PWDD who responded that they are 'better able to say what they want, etc.'	30	<b>66</b>				
IFA 2.4 IND	Of the total in IFA 2.1B, the number of PWDD who responded that they are 'participating now in advocacy activities'.	25	<b>65</b>				
IFA.2.5IND	Of the total in IFA 2.1B, the number of PWDD who responded that they are 'participating on cross disability coalitions, boards, and/or serving in leadership positions'.	20	<b>23</b>				
IFA.3.1A	The number of people with developmental disabilities who completed the satisfaction question on the participant surveys.	40	<b>70</b>				
IFA.3.1B	The number of people with developmental disabilities satisfied with a project activity.	30	<b>70</b>				



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