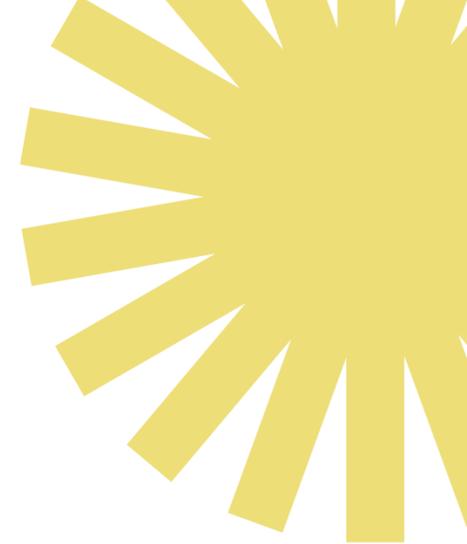


**Welcome to Day #2**



# **S P E A K U P S T A N D U P**

**Virtual Disability Advocacy Summit**

**In partnership with  
Louisiana's DD Network**



# About Me

- My name is Will Johnson.
- I work at the Human Development Center as a Public Information Officer.
- I am a self-advocate and a speaker.
- I believe in change, leadership, and movement.



# What Inspired the Summit

- Recent policies have affected our community.
- Many of us feel scared, alone, and frustrated.
- It's time to Speak Up and Stand Up!



# Purpose of the Summit

We want you to remember:

- You can make change.
- You have community.
- We are stronger when we stand together.
- Nothing about us, without us.



# This is a 3-Day Summit

## SUMMIT DAY 1

Friday, January 9

### **What's Going On?**

Looking to the Future +  
Building Community

## SUMMIT DAY 2

Friday, January 16

### **Let's Make a Plan!**

Learning from the Past +  
Advocacy

## SUMMIT DAY 3

Thursday, January 22

### **Take Action!**

Personal Advocacy + Storytelling

SUMMIT  
DAY 2  
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# Disability Justice

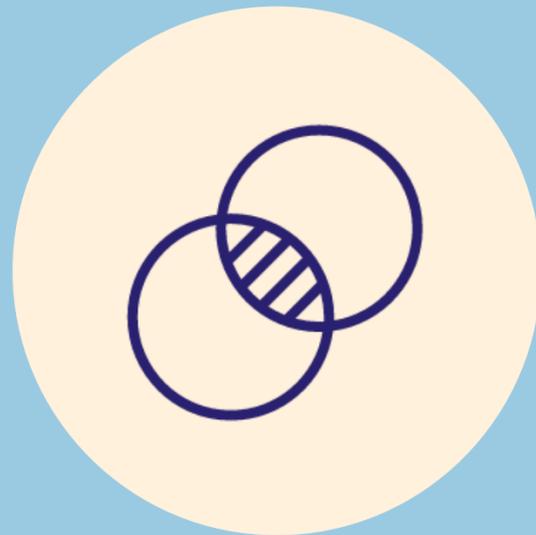
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# Disability Justice

Disability Justice is a way of thinking that helps build a world where disabled people are valued, supported, and included.

There are 10 Principles to Disability Justice.  
Here are a few:

**Intersectionality**



**Recognizing Wholeness**



**Interdependence**



**Collective Access**



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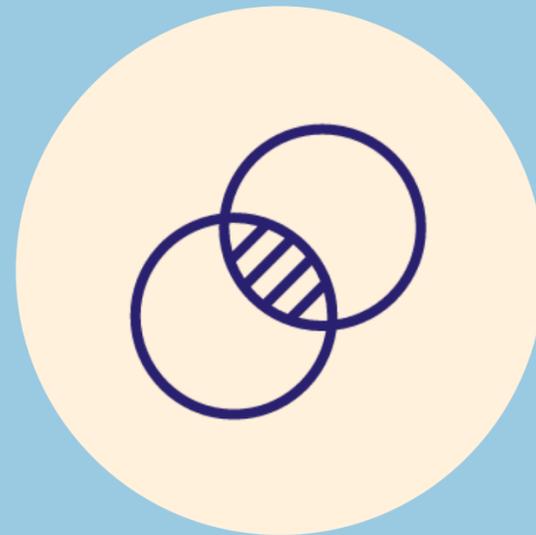
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# Disability Justice

## Intersectionality

Disability Justice understands that people can be treated unfairly for many reasons at the same time, like disability, race, gender, or income.

All of these parts of a person's life make up their identity.



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# Disability Justice

## Recognizing Wholeness

It is important to accept everyone for who they are on the inside and outside, without judgement.

It is important to honor and embrace disability as part of a person's identity that gives them power.



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SUMMIT  
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# Disability Justice

## Interdependence

Everyone needs support sometimes.

We must work together to meet each other's needs. We must create a community that helps one another. This is called "interdependence".



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**SUMMIT  
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# **Disability Justice**

## **Collective Access**

Each person's body and mind works differently.

Everyone must be included in ways that are accessible for them.

Access needs are part of life and must be respected.



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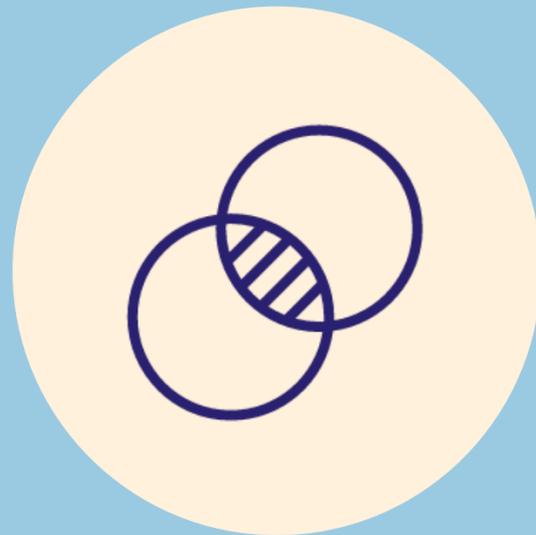
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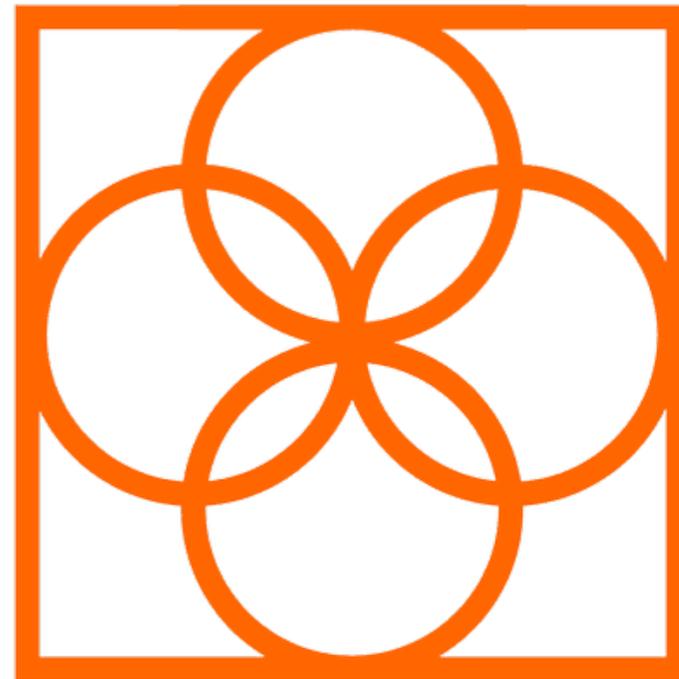
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## Summit Day #2 Agenda

10:00 AM	Welcome with Will Johnson
10:15 AM	Where We Have Been, Where We Are Going with Rebecca Cokley of the Ford Foundation's U.S. Disability Rights program
10:45 AM	Breakout Group: What We Need to Do
11:05 AM	Advocacy 101 with the LaCAN Region Leaders
11:30 PM	Connect with Your LaCAN Region
11:45 AM	Choose Your Own Adventure: Advocacy Tools
12:15 PM	Breakout Group: What Advocacy Tool will You Focus On?
12:30 PM	Closing

# **Thank You!**

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**NEW  
DISABLED  
SOUTH**





# Rebecca Cokley

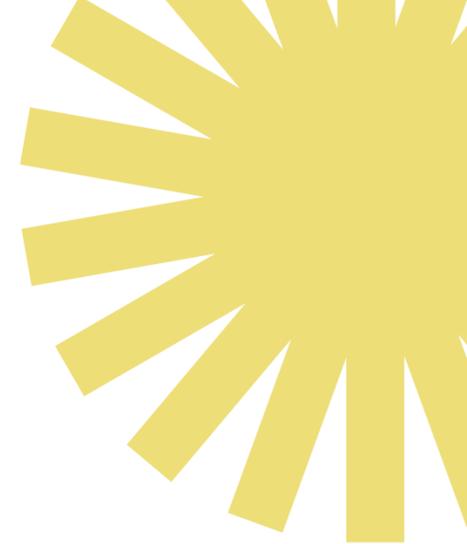
Rebecca works at the Ford Foundation's first U.S. Disability Rights program.

She works to support disability-led organizations, economic justice, and stronger disability narratives.

Rebecca is a three-time presidential appointee. She has held senior policy roles across federal agencies and led national disability justice campaigns.

**Presentation Title:  
Where We Have Been,  
Where We Are Going**

SPEAK UP  
STAND UP



**Breakout Group:**  
What We Need to Do

**Discussion Time: 15 Minutes**

# Reflection Questions

- After listening to Rebecca speak, how are you feeling?
- What is one moment you learned from the past that inspires you today?
- Where are you currently on your advocacy path? And what is your call to serve?
- Who are you connected to on your path? This can be disability supports, organizations, and community members.
- What do you think we need to do to push forward?



# Advocacy 101

Featuring leaders from the Louisiana Council's Advocacy Network (LaCAN)

Regions 1 & 10 Leader  
**Christina Martin**



Region 2 Leader  
**April Hampton**



Region 3 Leader  
**Julie Folse**



Region 5 Leader  
**Mylinda Elliott**



Region 6 Leader  
**Kristen Reed**



Region 7 Leader  
**Mimi Webb**



Region 8 Leader  
**Konstance Causey**



Region 9 Leader  
**Angel Magee**



# Connect with your LaCAN Region

## Breakout Group

**Region 1** – Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines

**Region 2** – Ascension, E. Baton Rouge, E. Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, W. Baton Rouge, W. Feliciana

**Region 3** – Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne, St. Mary

**Region 4** – Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermillion

**Region 5** – Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Cameron

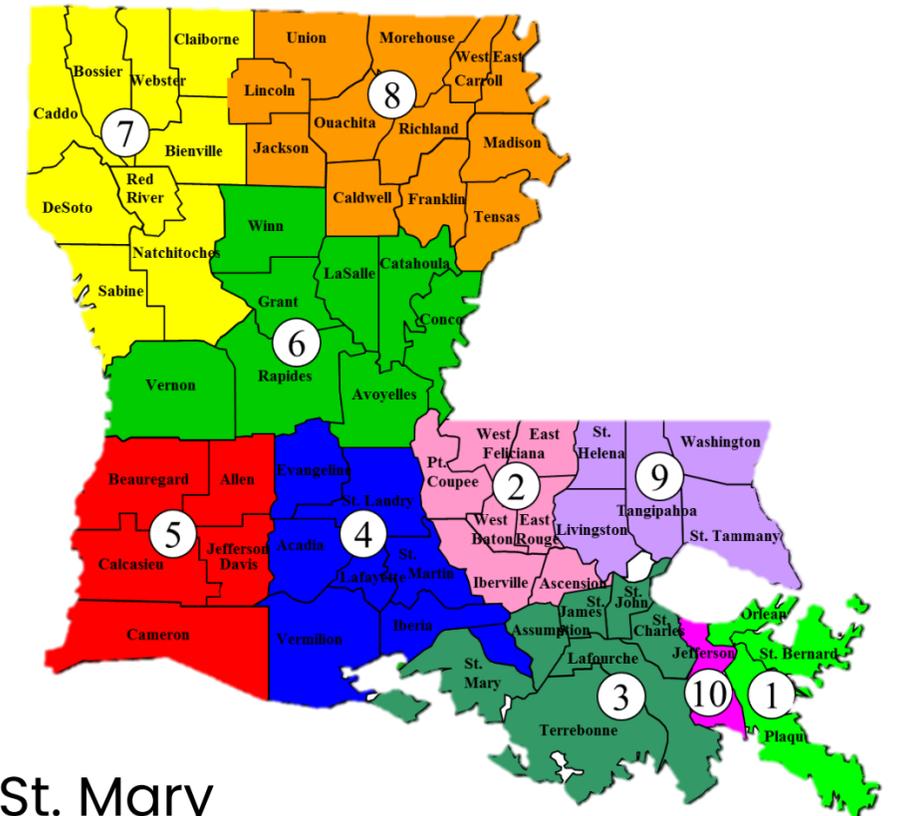
**Region 6** – Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn

**Region 7** – Bienville, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster

**Region 8** – Caldwell, E. Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, W. Carroll

**Region 9** – Livingston, Tangipahoa, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Washington

**Region 10** – Jefferson





# Key Advocacy Tools

With introduction by Rebecca Fruge  
of Partners in Policymaking

**Advocacy Level:**



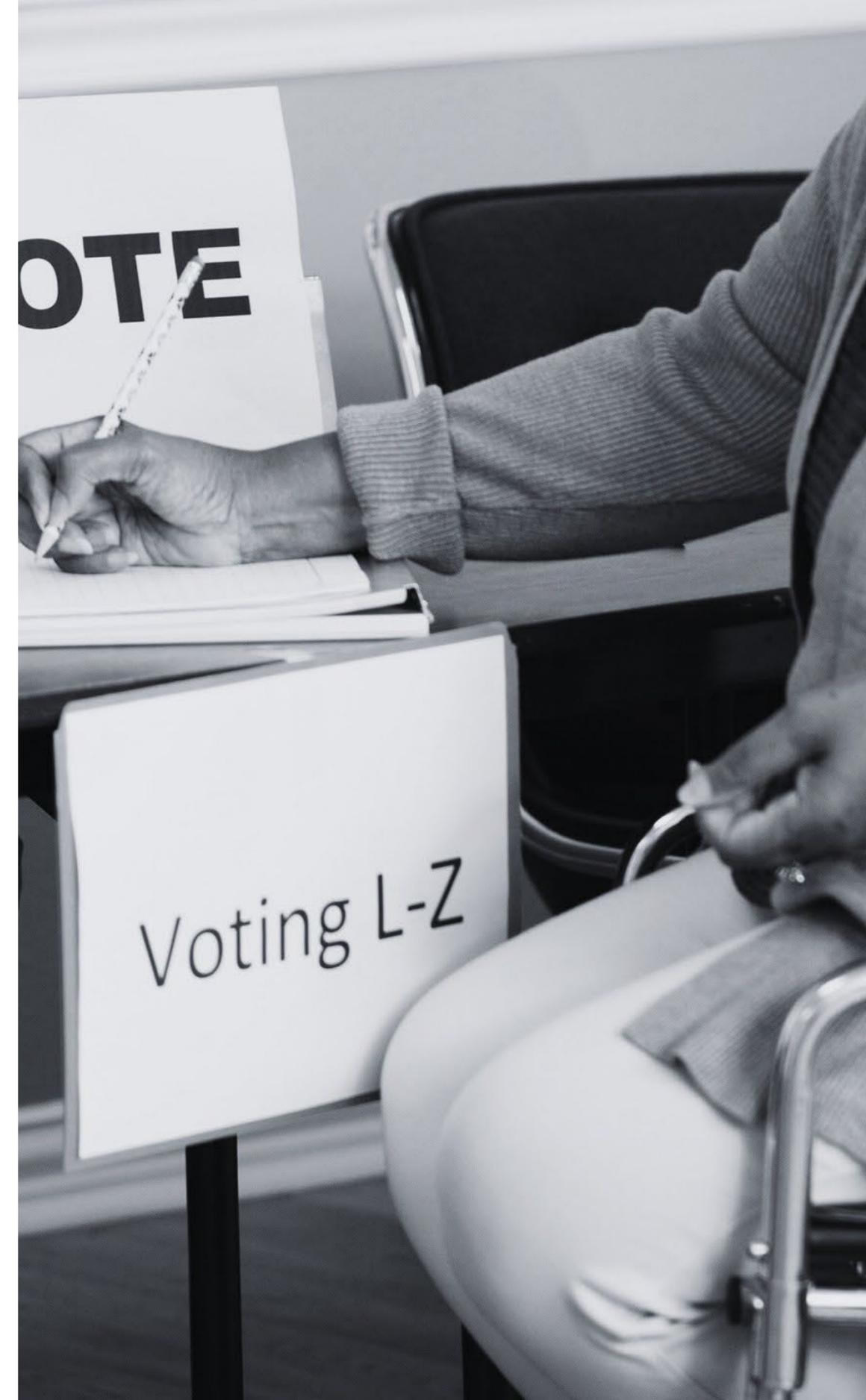
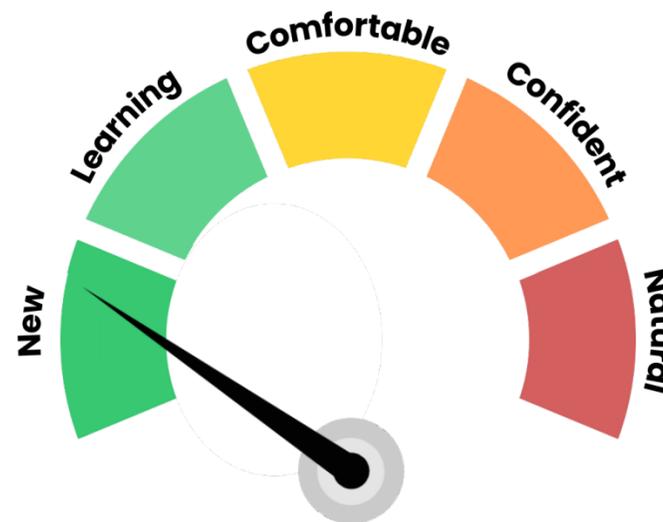
# The importance of voting

Voting is one way people use their voice to choose leaders and laws.

LACAN helps show how voting can protect services and rights for people with disabilities.

**Facilitated by:**  
**April Hampton and**  
**Angel Magee**

Advocacy Level:  
I am NEW to advocacy.



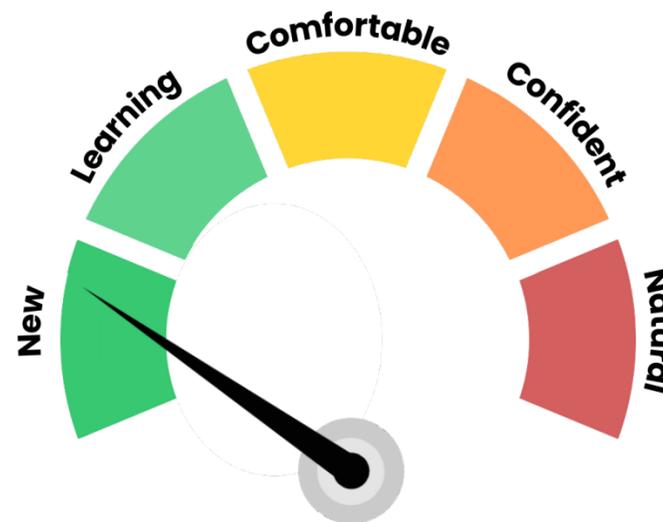
# Partners in Policymaking

Partners in Policymaking is a leadership program for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

It teaches them how to speak up and help improve systems that affect people with disabilities.

**Facilitated by:  
Rebecca Fruge**

Advocacy Level:  
I am NEW to advocacy.



# Yellow Shirt Days

LaCAN members wear yellow shirts to be seen and heard at the Louisiana Capitol.

This is an opportunity to share how bills affect people with disabilities and their families.

**Facilitated by:  
Kristen Reed**

Advocacy Level:  
I have LEARNED  
about advocacy.



# Contacting your Policymaker

Contacting your policymaker means calling, emailing, or writing to your elected officials.

By contacting them, you can share how bills affect people with disabilities and their families.

**Facilitated by:  
Mylinda Elliott**

Advocacy Level:  
I am **COMFORTABLE**  
with advocacy.



# Writing Testimony

Testimony is when you share your story or opinion about a bill before lawmakers vote.

Testifying helps people speak up so lawmakers hear how decisions affect real lives.

**Facilitated by:  
Julie Folse**

Advocacy Level:  
I am **COMFORTABLE**  
with advocacy.



# Creating Fact Sheets

Fact sheets share clear and simple information about an issue.

LACAN uses fact sheets to help lawmakers quickly understand disability needs.

**Facilitated by:  
Christina Martin**

Advocacy Level:  
I am **CONFIDENT**  
with advocacy.



# Legislative Visits

Legislative visits are meetings with lawmakers to talk about important issues.

**Facilitated by:  
Mimi Webb**

Advocacy Level:  
Advocacy comes  
NATURALLY to me.



# Choose Your Breakout Room:

## Key Advocacy Tools

1. The importance of voting – Advocacy Level: **NEW**
2. Partners in Policymaking – Advocacy Level: **NEW**
3. Yellow Shirt Days – Advocacy Level: **LEARNING**
4. Contacting your Policymaker – Advocacy Level: **COMFORTABLE**
5. Writing Testimony – Advocacy Level: **COMFORTABLE**
6. Creating Fact Sheets – Advocacy Level: **CONFIDENT**
7. Legislative Visits – Advocacy Level: **NATURAL**

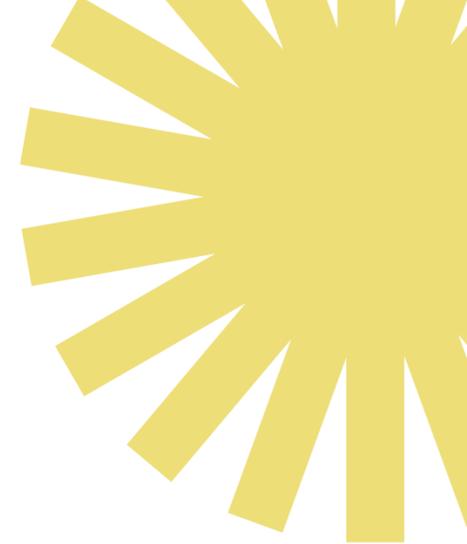
**SPEAK UP  
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**Choose your Breakout Group:  
Which Advocacy Tool do you  
want to learn more about?**

**Discussion Time: 20 Minutes**

SPEAK UP  
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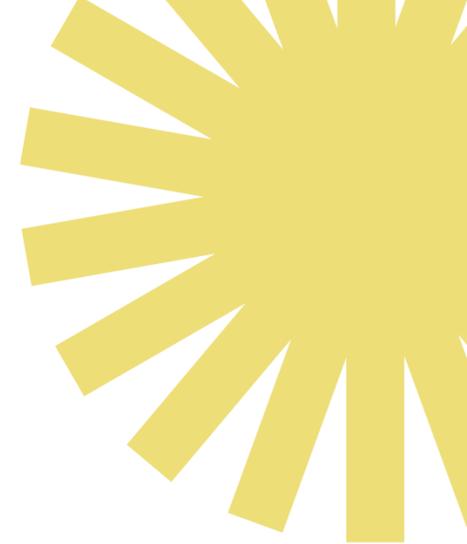
**Breakout Group:**  
What Advocacy Tool  
will you Focus on?

**Discussion Time: 15 Minutes**

# Reflection Questions

- After learning so much about advocacy, what's going through your mind?
- LaCAN talks about creating a world accessible to everyone. How do you want to make the world more accessible?
- Tell us about the advocacy tool you learned about.
- What story or personal experience will you amplify by using the advocacy tool you learned?
- What experience from your life helps strengthen your advocacy and call-to-action?

# THANK YOU!



**Summit Day #3:**

**Thursday, January 22**

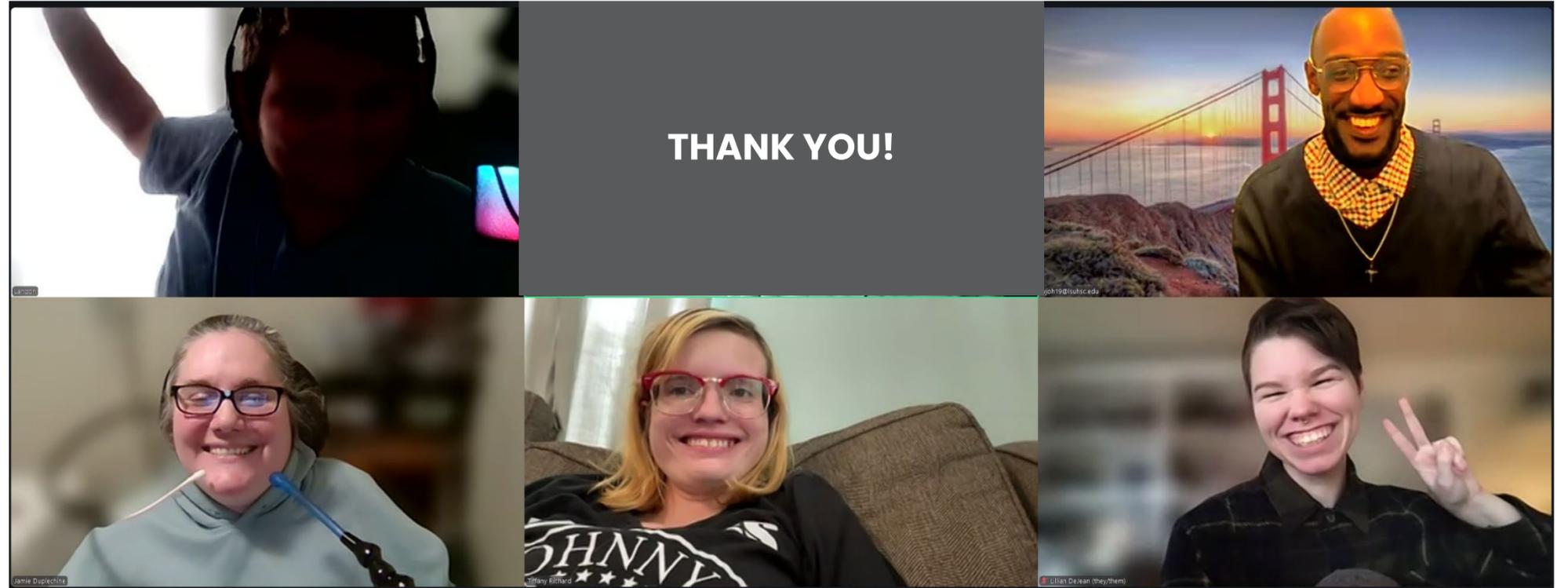
**10:00am–12:30 PM CST**

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# Thank you to our Summit Planning Committee!

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