



# DAY DREAM BELIEVERS

A Survey about Employment, Individualized Supports, &  
What it Means to  
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## Questions and Answers about the Survey and Person Centered Thinking Sessions

### **Q: Who will be there?**

A: These sessions are for people from around RI who receive DD Services during the day. You're also welcome to bring a support person or family member if you would like to have them there. If so, let us know who will be coming with you when you register.

NOTE: Your support person does not need to be in the interview with you. If you would like to the survey by yourself, your staff is welcome to join us for the group presentation while you meet with members of our survey team.

### **Q. 2 Hours seems like a long time. What will we be doing when we're there?**

A: We'll start with a group exercise (called an "icebreaker"), so people can introduce themselves. After that, everyone will take turns being in the larger group to learn about Person Centered Thinking, and taking the survey with members of our Advocates in Action Interview team. This team includes some of our Peer Mentors, who also receive DD services during the day.

### **Q: What's a "survey"? What happens during an interview?**

A: A survey is a set of questions that ask people to share their experiences and ideas about a certain topic. During the interview, we will ask you what kinds of services and supports you receive during the day. The focus of our survey is to find out if you're satisfied with the way you spend your days. Do the things that you do, and the services you receive, make you want to say, "I had a good day!"? If not, what else do you need in your life to make that happen?

### **Q: How long is the interview?**

A: The survey interview usually takes about 15-20 minutes, but there is no rush.

### **Q: I haven't gone to anything like this before and I'm worried it may be confusing. Will I be able to understand the presentation? Do I need to be able to read or write?**

A: Making information easy to understand is what we do! All of the materials we use have plenty of graphics and simple language to help everyone understand. The session will be interactive and fun! This will be a time to ask questions, share ideas, speak-up ... and laugh!

You don't need to be able to read or write to take the survey. Our interview team will read all of the questions, and explain things in a way that makes sense to you.

### **Q: What if I get an answer wrong?**

A: The great thing about this survey is that when we say, "The Person in the Center is YOU", we mean it! Your opinion about the services you receive, and how you spend your day, are up to you! If there are answers that you're not sure about, we can also follow-up with you after the interview to get additional details. No worries, though, this is not a test!

You can also rest assured that "What Happens in Vegas stays in Vegas". Your privacy is important to us and your answers will be confidential.

**Q: What if I say something I shouldn't? I don't want to get anyone in trouble!**

A: We're definitely not looking to "get anyone in trouble", either! The survey isn't the place to complain, but if you're not satisfied with a service you receive, or you need something else to be successful, this is your opportunity to speak-up!

The Division of Developmental Disabilities asked Advocates in Action to conduct this survey because they want to hear what people. Your answers will help DDD identify some of the areas that need improvement in the Rhode Island Service system.

**Q: Do I need to stay for the whole session?**

A: You don't need to stay for the full 2 hours, but we hope you can! Once everyone completes an individual survey, we'll get back together for a group conversation. Everyone who stays for the full session will receive a \$5.00 coupon towards the registration fee to attend this year's conference during that time.

If you have to leave early, let us know when you register or when you arrive so we make sure you have time to take the survey.

**Q: Will there be food?**

A: Yes, we love to eat! We'll provide some light refreshments during each session. Unfortunately, we don't have the resources to provide individual food requests, so if you have any dietary concerns, please plan to bring your own snack.

**Q: Where will the sessions take place? How can I get there?**

A: The sessions will be at the Advocates in Action RI office, 662 Hartford Ave in Providence. We cannot provide transportation, but our office is on a bus route for those who use transportation. We also have parking available for those who are coming by car.

Whichever way you get there, please plan to arrive a few minutes early, and stay until the end. If you're getting a ride, make sure your driver has the right information so you're able to be there for the full session.

**Q: Ok, one last question ... What's this I hear about a raffle?**

A: We're offering a free raffle during each session, with several chances for you to win. Prizes include some cool Self-Advocacy sweatshirts, hats and Ts, Gift Cards, and FREE REGISTRATIONS to Rhode Island's Annual Self-Advocacy Conference, "Why Not?!?" on Thursday, October 25th.

There's no cost to enter the raffle, just as there's no cost to attend a session, but **SPACE IS LIMITED** and **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Check out our survey calendar to find a session that works for you, and then call or email Advocates in Action to sign up today!



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