

Update and Final Report Summary:

State Name: **Mississippi** (insert your logo and any pictures from events in your state)

Accomplishments: (September 2015 -September 2016)

184 Total # of Surveys Completed

\* This includes all individual surveys and then those done through group training in secondary schools with students who have an identified disability.

17 # of Vlogs Produced – One video may be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FE9_T-gfW0A> and the remaining videos may be found here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp_3_TNyAvWl2quTbH2SEcQ>.

One vlog was from Self-Advocate Antonio Norwood and the remaining 16 were from Self-Advocacy Coordinator Taylor Carley.

**1** # of Webinars presented by members of your organization or Allies

Self-Advocates Cindy Singletary and Taylor Carley along with Advocate Dr. Jerry R. Alliston presented a webinar on November 19 titled Youth Leadership - Youth Summits and Other Ways to Engage Youth. Webinar participants learned about successful strategies for the recruitment and development of youth leaders.

5 # of participants in webinars for period from your state

Several self-advocates participated in OCSS webinars including Cindy Singletary, Taylor Carley, Antonio Norwood and Dan Lewis. In addition, advocate Dr. Jerry R. Alliston participated in the webinars.

Please list topics of Vlogs:

Topics included the following in no particular order with some topics covered in more than one vlog:

Bullying

Post-Secondary Education for persons intellectual and other developmental disabilities

Disaster Preparedness

UCEDD Leadership

University Leadership

Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Efforts

Self-Advocacy on the National Level

Project SEARCH

Volunteerism and Service

AmeriCorps

Autism Awareness

Self-Advocate Sharing Input

Who represented your state on the advisory committee and at the face to face advisory committee meetings?

Self-Advocates Cindy Singletary, Taylor Carley and Dan Lewis as well as Advocate Dr. Jerry R. Alliston represented Mississippi on the advisory committee calls and meetings.

Please indicate what face to face meetings they attended.

2016 Decatur and Orlando

Highlights from your state that you are proud of for the project period: Please list all of the grassroots events with dates that you were involved in. Each state was to host at least 8 events in year 2 and 3 of the project.

Grassroots Events:

September 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016

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| DATE | DESCRIPTION OF EVENT |
| 09/16/15 | South Central MS Youth Summit with 60 attendees (secondary school students) |
| 09/22/15 | Central MS Youth Summit with 61 attendees |
| 09/29/15 | MS Gulf Coast Youth Summit with 64 attendees |
| 10/21/15 | Assisted with National Disability Employment Awareness Month/National Disability Mentoring Day Celebration by  hosting secondary youth with disabilities in learn about unique job opportunities on a university campus - post office, sports, radio station, the arts and IDS. Total of 130 attendees – 12 professionals, 100 youth with disabilities and 18 persons from the general public. |
| 10/27/15 | Take Your Legislator To Work Day October 2015  with one MS Representative job shadowing and working side-by-side with two self-advocates at IDS Hattiesburg offices. |
| 11/17/15 | Presentation at the 2015 AUCD Conference "Growing Leaders, Driving Change" in Washington, DC titled People with Disabilities as Leaders - Self-Advocacy Movement in MS: Preparing New Leaders NOW. Presenters were Self-Advocate Cindy Singletary and Advocate Dr. Jerry R. Alliston to approximately 25 attendees representation self-advocates and advocates. |
| 02/02/16 | Presentation at the MS Council for Exceptional Children 2016 State Conference.  Presentation by three self-advocates on their transition to adulthood with focus on employment and post-secondary education - Advocacy in Action: Mississippians on the Move. Total of 20 attendees with 18 professionals and 2 family members. |
| 04/13/16 | Social Work Undergraduate Class - Social Work with High Risk Populations on the Transition to Adulthood. Total of 17 Attendees with 1 instructor and 16 students. |
| 05/09/16 | Self-Advocate Taylor Carley giving the graduation speech for the Mississippi Inaugural Project SEARCH Southern Miss Graduation Ceremony. Total attendees was 77 with 30 professionals, 40 family members and 7 youth with disabilities. |

Please list Allies, who participated in face to face meetings, assisted with webinars, and supported your plan implementation and travel to face to face meetings:

The primary allies included the following:

Institute for Disability Studies

Disability Rights Mississippi

Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities

Mississippi Parent Training and Information Center

Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

Living Independence For Everyone of Mississippi

Self-Advocates.

Webinars that you participated during the project period:

MS Team members participated in various webinars focused on various topics including transition to adulthood, employment, sexuality, employment, housing and voting.

List any grants obtained with partners to work on priority issues. (Describe the grant and the partners)

Only one grant related to self-advocacy was submitted to the MS Council on Developmental Disabilities and it was not funded.

Planning meetings (Retreats) with Partners:

There were no specific planning meeting scheduled with partners but self-advocates networked with various DD Network partners at statewide meetings including MS Partnerships for Employment (MSPE) quarterly meetings and at the Mississippi disAbility MegaConference.

Date(s) Partners who participated

MSPE meetings were:

September 8, 2016

June 7, 2016

March 8, 2016

December 1, 2015

September 1, 2015.

The 2016 Mississippi disAbility MegaConference was held in Jackson, MS on June 15 – 17.

Other state plan activities that you are proud of from 2016:

Training remained the primary activity during the year through webinars and youth summits. At each of these events, a MS Self-Advocacy Team flyer was distributed which featured a contact number and email that Cindy Singletary checks weekly. The Team is proud that the promotin of the Team has continued and word is getting out about the Team.

Please tell us how OCSS had strengthened your state efforts and how the peer to peer interactions has affected your life and the lives of other involved in the movement in your state and the South.

OCSS helped continue the work of the MS Self-Advocacy Team, assisted in the decision to hire a full-time young adult self-advocate and assisted in promoting the closed captioning skills of a young adult self-advocate. Through the involvement with OCSS, the MS Self-Advocacy Team was able to continue its efforts in reaching youth and young adults with disabilities in the state while promoting the training efforts to other state teams.