Advocating to Legislature for Inclusive Post-secondary Education 101

- Find your legislator [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)
- By email, fax, or phone, make an appointment to meet with your legislator. Let them know who all will be coming (if anyone), and that you want to discuss the issue of inclusive post-secondary education in Georgia
  - If you cannot get your representative, make the appointment with the legislative aide responsible for Higher Education and/or Appropriations.
- Bring information to your representative – remember, Legislators are busy, so limit the amount of text on a subject, and try to stick with the facts
  - Also, Legislators cannot be experts on every issue, so a little education can go a long way in helping him/her grasp the issue
    - Use “Fast Facts” from GaIPSEC (on back)
    - Use “Support Post-Secondary Options” from All About Developmental Disabilities (AADD)
    - Fact Sheets from ThinkCollege! available on GaIPSEC website
- Bring a written testimony including how the bill/funding would affect you, your family, friends, and neighbors.
  - Express, both verbally and written, to your legislator why Georgia needs these options for students
  - Leave a written summary of your position with the legislator/legislative aide.
- You have a very special set of skills and talents, so offer yourself as a resource to the legislator about PSE.