



Elevating Family Voices in Disability-Informed Care

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Voices, Values, Visibility: Advancing Disability Equity Together

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**In one word, what is your
role in a family's care?**



ADVOCATE

Reflection



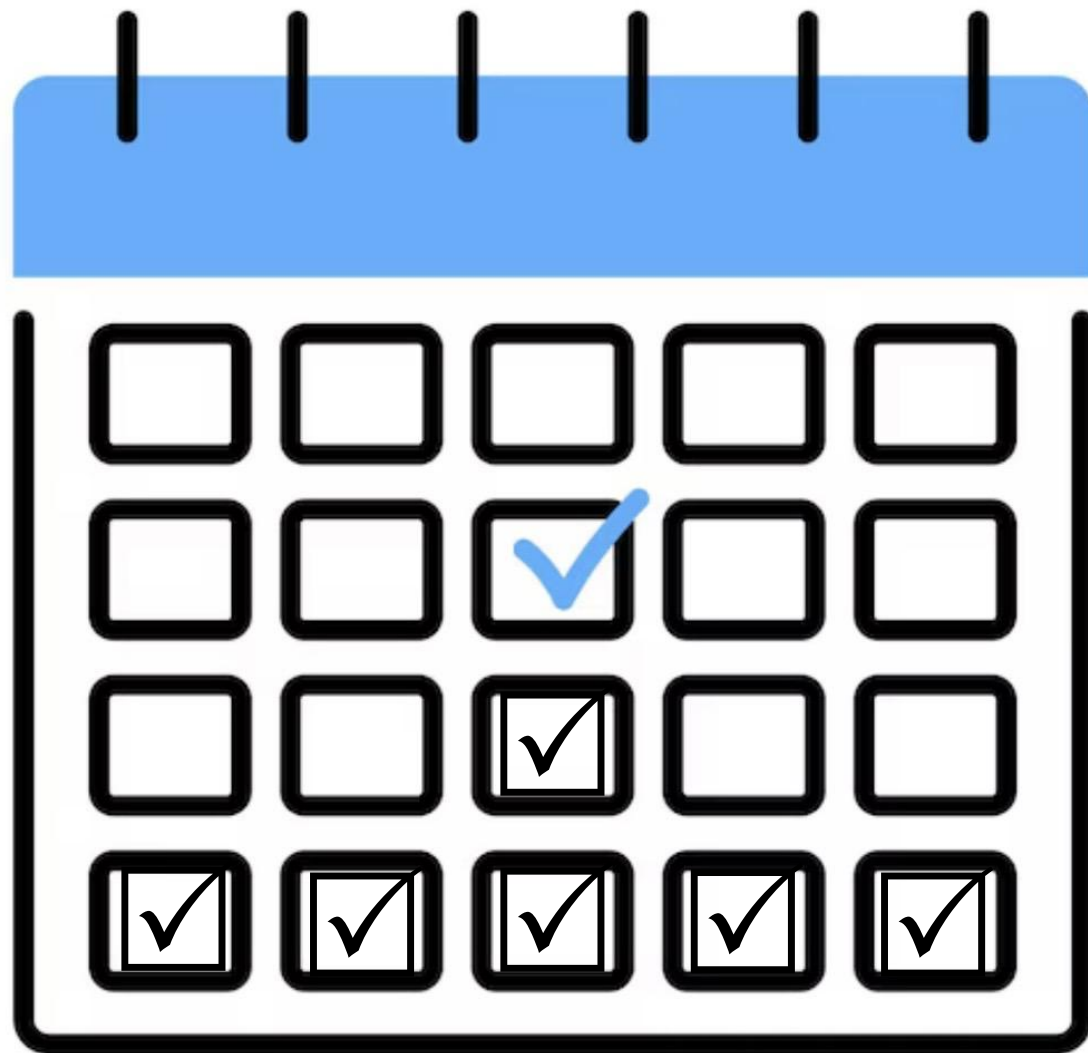
When you think about your role in your work, where does “advocacy” fit in? What is something you could do within your practice to make it easier for families and self-advocates to use their voice and truly feel heard?

Learning Objectives



By the end of this lecture, students will be able to:

- Articulate why advocacy is a core professional competency in working with families
- Distinguish between individual case and systems-level advocacy
- Describe one strategy for using family stories to identify patterns





“Too much of the work happens independently instead of interdependently, and too much of our collective energy goes to fire drills instead of strategy.”

Terrance E. Moore, CEO
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

From Individuals to Systems



Individual Case Advocacy

Focuses on one person, one family, one situation at a time

Addresses symptoms

Systems Level Advocacy

Focuses on changing the policies, practices, and structures that affect many people

Addresses root causes

3 Reasons

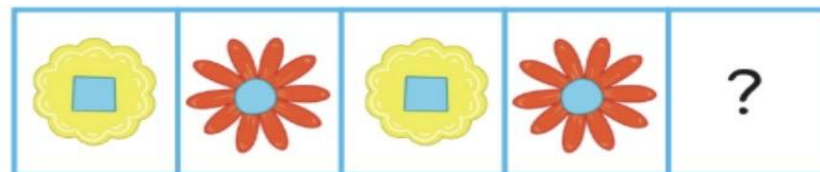
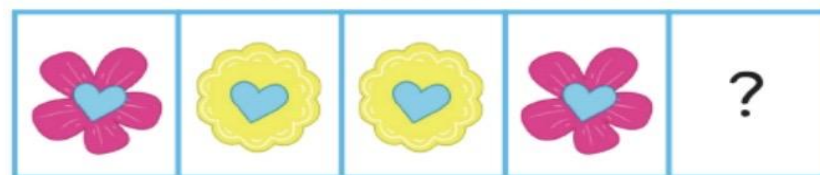
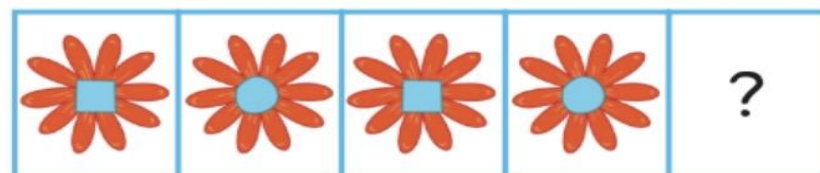


1. Credibility
2. Pattern Recognition
3. Preventing Burnout



Stories → Evidence





Should you advocate?

How can you not???



Thank you.

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