

*The 40th Annual  
NJSSAN Fall Conference  
October 05, 2024*

# Schedule

9:00 - 9:30 AM: Virtual Waiting Room

9:30 - 10:00 AM: Opening Remarks

- Evelyn Ramundo, President, [NJSSAN](#)
- Jonathan Seifried, Assistant Commissioner, [DDD](#)
- Thomas Baffuto, Executive Director, [The Arc of NJ](#)
- Kevin Sturges, President, [The Arc of NJ Board of Directors](#)
- Erin Smithers, Director, [NJ Self-Advocacy Project](#)

10:00 - 11:15 AM: Keynote Session

**40 Years of Advocacy:** presented by members of the  
NJ Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

11:15 - 11:45 AM: Exhibitor Hall

[Disability Rights NJ](#)

[The Blue Light Music Program](#)

11:45 - 12:00 PM: Closing Remarks

12:00 - 12:30 PM: Dance Party

# *Virtual Guestbook*

**Head over to our Kudoboard page to sign our virtual guestbook!**

**You can leave comments, images, gifs, and even video! Let us know what you love about the Fall Conference, write a fun shout out to a friend, or just say hello!**



# *NJ Statewide Self-Advocacy Network*

**The New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (NJSSAN) is made up of 5 regional Councils. All adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are welcome to attend NJSSAN Council meetings! For more information on each Council as well as past and upcoming events, contact the Advisor in your area.**

**COUNCIL 1:** Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex & Warren Counties  
Advisor: Frankie Bayak

**COUNCIL 2:** Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic & Union Counties  
Advisor: Erin Smithers

**COUNCIL 3:** Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean & Somerset Counties  
Advisor: Bianca Najera

**COUNCIL 4:** Burlington, Camden, Gloucester & Salem Counties  
**COUNCIL 5:** Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland Counties  
Advisor: Erin Smithers & Frankie Bayak

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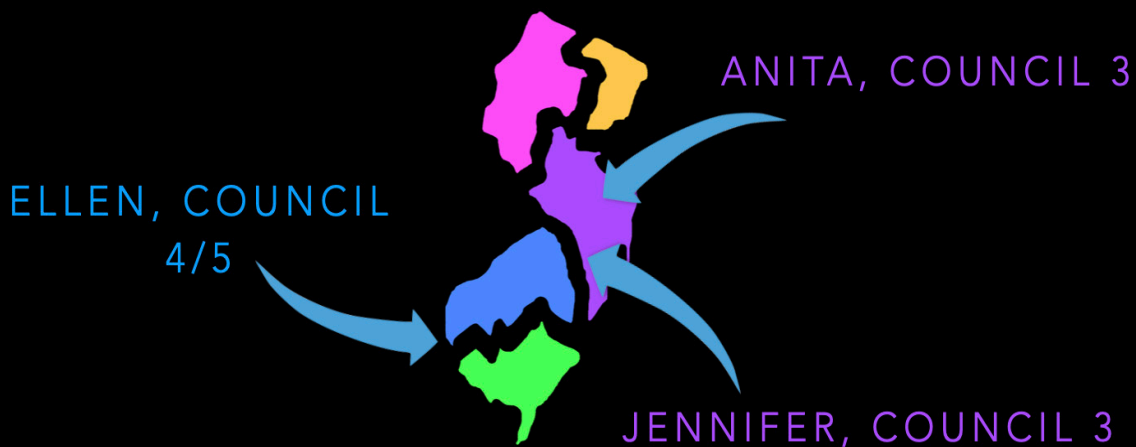


# Keynote Speech

## Celebrating 40 Years of Advocacy

The theme of our 2024 conference is "Celebrating 40 Years of Self-Advocacy". Once again, NJSSAN members will serve as the event's Keynote Speakers, discussing advocacy history and highlights from the past. They also will provide advocacy advice and take a look at what they'd like to see in the future for the movement as a whole. Join us to celebrate the past, present, and future of self-advocacy!

To learn more about the NJSSAN and join a Council, visit our website here.



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# *Exhibitor Hall*

**Don't forget to watch the virtual Exhibitor Hall during the conference from 11:15 am - 11:45 am!**

**Exhibitor staff will be available to provide helpful handouts and information about their agencies.**



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# Congratulations

## to NJSSAN on its 40th Annual Fall Conference

The NJCDD believe in structural change to promote self-determination, social integration, and inclusion in the community.

We promote advocacy, system change, and capacity building activities to honor the rich diversity of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families.

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# *Dance Party*

**Please listen and dance to the music provided by the one-and-only DJ Redline! If you'd like Steven to DJ for your event, you can contact him:**

**DJ Redline: Steven Knox**

**609-273-3131**

**knoxdlk@gmail.com**

**"Setting the mood with music for all occasions"**



**We hope you enjoy the event! Thank you again to our incredible sponsors, The NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities, The Blue Light Music Program and Disability Rights NJ, for making this event possible.**