### Regional Autism Assistance Program Expert Advisory Committee Members

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Welcome and Introductions
Facilitator: Erika Hertel

- Roll call was taken and introductions were made.

2019 Autism Society of Iowa Autism Awareness and Acceptance Day on the Hill
Kris Steinmetz—Shared information about the Day on the Hill event scheduled for next week:

- Wednesday, February 20th
- Iowa State Capitol - West Wing - First Floor
  1007 E Grand Ave.
  Des Moines, IA 50319

Agenda

8:00am - Registration

9:00am - Rally

Remarks from Family Members, Legislators, Autism Society of Iowa, Iowa Autism Council Members, Agencies, and those with Autism

10:15am - Advocacy Training

Advocacy Training in Small Groups and Visit with Individual Legislators

This will be a great opportunity to positively advocate for needs and services for people who are on the autism spectrum. Register On-line Today

Guest Speaker

Rik Shannon
Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, Iowans with Disabilities in Action (ID Action):
Advocating for Change 2019
See PowerPoint for details.
Next Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
10:00 – 2:00
Link Associates
1452 29th Street
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Attachments:
PowerPoint
Advocating for Change with the Iowa Legislature
Setting the Stage: The Legislative Process

1. Introduction.
2. Committee.
3. Floor Vote.
4. Committee.
5. Floor Vote.
6. Amendments.
7. Governor Signature,
8. Becomes Law.
Advocacy is the most important ingredient of our democracy.
# 88th Iowa General Assembly
## 2019 IOWA LEGISLATIVE SESSION TIMETABLE

*Note: This Session Timetable is subject to change

*See SCR 5, SR 3, SR 6, and HR 5 (2017)*

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<td>First day of session (<a href="#">Iowa Code Sec. 2.1</a>)</td>
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<td>FEBRUARY 15</td>
<td>Final day for Individual Senator and Representative requests for bill and joint resolution drafts to the Legislative Services Agency (<a href="#">Senate Rule 37</a> and <a href="#">House Rule 29</a>)</td>
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| APRIL 15      | Only the following bills and resolutions are eligible for consideration: ([Joint Rule 29](#))
  - Bills passed by both Houses
  - Appropriations Bills
  - Ways and Means Bills
  - Government Oversight Bills
  - Legislatively
  - Administrative Rules Review Committee Bills
  - Committee Bills related to delayed or suspended Administrative Rules ([Iowa Code Sec. 17A.80](#))
  - Bills co-sponsored by Majority and Minority Leaders of one House
  - Conference Committee Reports
  - Comparison Bills sponsored by Senate and House Majority Leaders
  - Concurrent or Simple Resolutions
  - Joint Resolutions modifying Administrative Rules
  - Bills on the Veto Calendar ([Joint Rule 29](#))
  - Unfinished Business |
| MAY 3         | 110th calendar day of the session ([Per diem expenses and - Iowa Code Sec. 2.10](#)) |

**The March 8 and April 5 committee deadlines do not apply to Appropriations Bills, Ways and Means Bills, Government Oversight Bills, Legislatively, Administrative Rules Review Committee Bills, Committee Bills related to delayed or suspended Administrative Rule, [Iowa Code Sec. 17A.80](#), Bills co-sponsored by Majority and Minority Leaders of one House, Conference Committee Reports, Comparison Bills sponsored by the Majority Leaders of both Houses after consultation with the respective Minority Leaders, Concurrent or Simple Resolutions, and Joint Resolutions modifying Administrative Rules.**

[Legislative Information Office](#)
The most important story is yours.

- Introduce yourself.
- Tell them about your issue.
- Make it real – tell your story.
- Ask for something.
- Listen.
- Thank them.
- Follow up.
Stay focused and keep it simple.

- Two Minute Rule.
- Be really clear.
- Get to the point.
- Ask for action.
- Find common ground.
- Always say thank you.
- Always follow-up.
Finding Your Legislator: Senate

Came to the Capitol today for Advocating Change Day – I would like to meet you.

John Smith, Urbandale
Finding Your Legislator: House

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Highfill

John Smith
(Name)

Of: Johnston/Advocating Change Day
(Town, Company or Organization and Phone)

Select One

☑ Is waiting to see you:
☐ Has Attached Literature:
☐ Has Left Message
(Write Message on Back)

Date: 4/22/2015   Time: 11:30 a.m.

Front Door
Follow up your conversations.

• Don’t forget the Governor.
• Send a thank you note!
• Send photo to local newspaper.
• Follow up & follow through.
• Email and ask to be put on newsletter list.
• Write a letter to the editor.
• Volunteer on their campaign.
Advocacy starts (not ends) here.

• Show up & be visible.
• Don’t give up – multiply!
• Build your own advocacy network.
• Plan you own Capitol event.
• Host a local event.
• Sponsor a candidate/legislative forum.
• Use the media.
• Tell your story in infoNET.
• Vote.
• Stay involved & stay active!
There is power in numbers.
Resources for Advocates

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www.infoNetiowa.org
www.legis.iowa.gov/