



SARTAC Fellow:  
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Final Presentation

Advancing  
Self Advocacy  
through  
Leadership and  
Policy

# A Little About Me:

Darcy McCann

From San Jose, California

“Inclusive Housing Self  
Advocacy Project”

My Host was:

Jan Stokley, ED Housing  
Choices Coalition



Darcy McCann, SARTAC Fellow

## **EXPLAIN YOUR PROJECT**

- Creating two videos.
- To give voice to others.
- By sharing their housing stories.
- So others can learn.

# “Inclusive Housing Self Advocacy Project”

- What products did you create?
- I interviewed 6 people with I/DD
  - Discussed their housing journey
  - Used Zoom for Interviews
  - Put together highlights for video
  - Video to share with others

# My Participants/Advocates:

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# “Inclusive Housing Self Advocacy Project”

- What products did you create?
- I interviewed 1 Parent with Son with I/DD
  - Discussed their housing journey
  - Used Zoom for Interview
  - Put together highlights for video
  - Video to share with others

# Me, interviewing Irma about her son, Aaron

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Irma Velasquez, Mom/Advocate

# “Inclusive Housing Self Advocacy Project”

- Does your product help self advocates?
- Share with people with I/D & families
- Post on Housing Websites, Facebook
  - Housing Choices Coalition,  
<http://www.housingchoices.org>
  - Lanterman Housing Alliance,  
<https://www.lantermanhousingalliance.org>
  - BAHC, <https://www.bahc1.org>

# “Inclusive Housing Self Advocacy Project”

- ▶ How will your project help you get a job?
- ▶ I just completed by B.A. in Psychology (2020)
- ▶ Applying to Graduate School now (2021)
- ▶ Eventually this project will help to get a job
- ▶ Continue to help others as Volunteer

# RESOURCES CREATED

- Produced Two videos addressing housing
- Used Zoom to interview 7 advocates
- Put together 2 videos from interviews
  
- Put on Housing Websites



# LEADERSHIP & POLICY RESULTS

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- What did this project teach you about leadership?



Importance of self-advocacy.

- ▶ Need for more housing for people with I/DD.
- ▶ How to access help in finding housing.
- ▶ Awareness of what is available.

Q & A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers



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