



PEOPLE FIRST TN ADVISORY COUNCIL HELP US WRITE A NEW CHAPTER



PFTN'S INFLUENCE CAN STILL BE FELT TODAY

People First Tennessee has a rich history of shaping the state's system of services and supports for people with disabilities. The trend toward home-and-community-based services (HCBS) and the closure of Tennessee's state developmental centers is largely because People First pushed the state to do the right thing.

WHY IT'S TIME FOR A REBIRTH OF PFTN

Over the past several years, People First TN has faced some tough times. It lost both support and funding. The Arc Tennessee strongly believes that our state needs a strong People First network. Thanks to a small grant from the Tennessee Disability Coalition, The Arc Tennessee has a plan to support People First TN so that it will once again be the voice of self-advocates in Tennessee.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP OTHERS ACROSS TN

The Arc Tennessee cannot do this alone. We need your help. Are you a self-advocate who...

- Enjoys working with others to change things for the better?
- Enjoys mentoring other people with disabilities to develop self-advocacy skills?
- Wants to take on a leadership role within People First?
- Wants to see People First become a strong self-advocate network?

If this description sounds like you, consider applying to be part of the People First TN Advisory Council.

WHO SITS ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Arc Tennessee is looking to fill the following volunteer positions for the People First TN Advisory Council:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Regional Representative – West
- Regional Representative – Middle
- Regional Representative – East
- At-large Members (2) each for West, Middle, East

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP US WRITE A NEW CHAPTER

Attached is a document that describes the function of the Advisory Council as well as the responsibilities of each Advisory Council position. If you are interested in being part of the People First TN Advisory Council, please complete the attached document and return it to Dean Fox at dfox@thearctn.org by Friday, May 18, 2018 at 5 p.m. Self-advocates across the state will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite candidates to elect to the Advisory Council.

**STAY CONNECTED. BECOME A POWERFUL VOICE.
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**