What are some ways to find an advisor for your group?

Many groups already have an advisor when they start. Sometimes the advisor is from a service program or a special 'citizen advocacy' program.

Sometimes there are groups in your town like the Association for Community Living. They might help find an advisor for you. If there are other clubs or groups who help people, you could ask them for ideas.

If there is a college in your town, you could call the special education or the education program and ask if they have a teacher or a student who could be your advisor. Also ask if they know of anyone else who could help.

Sometimes, churches are a good place to look for a person who could help you. Keep trying and talk to others for ideas of where to look in your town.

What can you do if your advisor does too much or too little of the work for your group?

If your advisor does too much or too little for your group, the first thing to do is to talk to the advisor. Have a meeting so the group can tell the advisor not to take over or not to sit back so much. Make it clear what it is that you want from the advisor. If things do no change and you have given the advisor a chance, ask that advisor to quit and find a new advisor.

Things To Do

Can you think of any other ideas that people have that are wrong and that should be changed?

Can you describe the most important things about yourself and other people with disabilities that you know?

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