



What To Expect When You're Expecting A Legislative Meeting!

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WE BELIEVE:



Mission Statement

The Going Home Coalition is a diverse statewide network of self-advocates, families, community service providers and allies. We purposefully advocate to create systems change, transition from institutional living through increasing community capacity, and empower fair and equal choices and opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Vision Statement

The Going Home Coalition's vision for people with disabilities in Illinois is to live in a truly individualized person-centered system with the supports and services they choose. Everyone, no matter what challenges they may face, has the right to live a full life in the community. Community is strengthened by diversity, inclusion, and accessibility.



**We Are
The Going Home Coalition.**

Legislators are people too!

- **Don't be put off by the title.**
- **A legislator is someone you elected!**
- **They work for you.**



Expect the Unexpected.

Changes – Surprises – Tough Questions



**Be prepared for success.
Study.
Have the right materials.**



Practice. Practice. Practice.

Remember – You are the expert on your story!!!



Don't go it alone.



This could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship!

- **It's not just a visit – It's a relationship.**
- **You don't always know you need a friend until you need a friend.**



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