



REVITALIZING PEOPLE FIRST

ABOUT THIS PROJECT

- **The Arc Tennessee received a grant** from the Tennessee Disability Coalition to help revitalize People First of Tennessee.
- **People First of Tennessee is a grassroots-membership disability rights organization** that promotes self-advocacy and advocates for full inclusion of all people with disabilities in their communities, employment, education, housing, transportation, voting, and relationships.

PFTN'S GOALS

- **PFTN will develop a strong advisory council** led by self-advocates and advisers that will create a three-year strategic plan.
- **PFTN will support development** of at least one local chapter in the west, middle and east portions of Tennessee, partnering with The Arc or other organizations for technical and structural support.
- **PFTN will create a statewide membership network**, including the creation of a membership database, a system for membership recruitment and renewal, a strong social media presence and consistent in-person meetings and webinars.
- **These goals will be met by the end of 2018.**

LOCAL PFTN CHAPTERS SHOULD ...

- Host speakers on topics that members care about.
- Have fundraising and "fun" raising events to build chapter strength and unity.
- Help educate others on the value of people with disabilities and their contribution to everyone's quality of life.
- Address disability issues on the local and regional level.
- Enroll members.

AS A TEAM, PFTN CAN ...

- Teach youth and adults with disabilities about their legal rights and responsibilities, how to become effective self-advocates, and the power of self-determination.
- Provide support to groups and chapters across the state on awareness of important issues, leadership opportunities, and how to take action on important regional and local concerns.
- Provide leadership, public speaking, and empowerment training.
- Serve on state, regional, and national policy-making bodies.
- Address disability issues on a state level and influence public policy.

PFTN'S RICH PAST

- 1990 and 1993 Davidson County Mayor's awards for Outstanding Organization serving People with Disabilities.
- A 1989 proclamation from Governor McWherter recognizing its "Outstanding Service to Tennessee."

JOIN TODAY

- To join People First or start a chapter in your area, send a message to peoplefirst@theartn.org or call 615-248-5878, extension 305.

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