

Learn about the WeSaid

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- Person with lived experience in Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Disabilities
- 2006 starting in advocacy efforts at the Kansas City Summer Transportation Institute
- 2023 Master's degree in Clinical Vocational Rehab
- Currently serve on several boards:
 - Missouri Association of People Supporting Employment First
 - Missouri American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - Summit Future Foundation
 - Missouri Mental Health Foundation Board



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- Live in Kansas City, MO
- B.A in English and Creative Writing
- Member of the Kansas City Women's Chorus
- Passionate about social justice, disability advocacy, & rights.
- Graduate student in the Master's in Education Administration Program at UMKC, emphasis in disability leadership.
- Host of Take 5 with Skye
- Working for the WeSaid of the UCEDD at UMKC-IHD

WeSaid at the UCEDD



What are the Major Disability Topics Today?





WeSaid at the UCEDD



Turn on your phones!!!!!!!

Take Picture!!!

Use #WeSaid











WeSaid Academy
Areas of Expertise & Interest

Name:

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Civil Rights	Voting			
	Self-Advocacy			
	Living in the Community instead of institutions.			
	Job Accommodations			
Community Living	Housing			
	Technology Support			
	Transportation			
Education	Segregated Classrooms			
	Get what a person needs to learn in school			
	right to communicate in the way that works best			
	for them			
	No Restraints or Seclusion			
	Free from Bullying			
	Attend College			
	Real Jobs for Real Pay			
Financial Wellness (Employment Managing Money and Understanding Benefits)	Getting or keeping a job			
	Having your own business			
	Managing your own money			
	Representative Payees			
	Marriage Penalty (Not being able to get married			
	because of loss of 25% benefits)			
	Understanding your benefits: SSI, SSDI, PASS,			
	ABLE			
Developmental	Direct Support Professional Crisis			
Disability	Waiting List for Services			
Services	Health Equity			

What Topic is Important to you?







What Topic is Important to you?

- What important disability topic do you want to address?
- Why is this topic important to you?
- What is your call to action?









Practice with a Partner





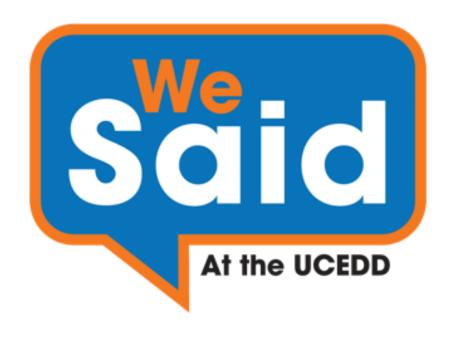


Who would like to share?





The WeSaid of the UCEDD at UMKC-IHD



The "WeSaid" at the UCEDD at UMKC-IHD

Speakers Bureau, Training and Technical Assistance Center for People with Lived Experience in Developmental Disabilities









The "WeSaid" Speakers Bureau

The WeSaid Speakers Bureau offers highly qualified public speakers with lived experience in developmental disabilities who can present on a variety of topics.

The WeSaid provides supports:

- for speakers to develop their skills in presenting on topics of their interest through the WeSaid Academy
- to setting up speaking engagements
- by creating individual webpages which includes their biography, presentation topics, past speaking engagements and comments from surveys.
- by providing surveys and gathering feedback for their presentation









The "WeSaid" Speakers Bureau-Individual Pages



Susan Parker

Speaker, advocate, activist.

TOPICS: Parental rights, disability access, etc.

Request booking information.









The "WeSaid" Speakers Bureau-Individual Pages



Christopher Robin Judson Worth

Writer, painter, advocate, Ph.D. student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

TOPICS: Taking Risks, etc., etc., etc.,

Request booking information.











The "WeSaid" Speakers Bureau-Individual Pages



Nichole Noblet

Artist, published author, peer resource specialist

Request booking information.









- Training by people with lived experience in developmental disabilities that supports people to create change in their own live, lives of one another, at the system level, and within their community.
- Individuals with lived experience are provided support to become paid trainers.













Why Public Speaking Training

Participation in the Speakers' Bureau is more than storytelling – it's an opportunity in which participants can strengthen their sense of self-determination, belonging, and well-being.











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Public Speaking Training

Part 1 Session 1: Getting Started with Public Speaking- Finding your area of Interest

WeSaid Bio and Accomplishments	
	Name
	Short Biography
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Take Five with Skye



A video series hosted by Skye VanLanduyt. Each episode is about 5-minute video interview featuring people with and without disabilities to tell a story about resilience, empowerment, and feeling self-determined throughout the human journey. This series provide viewers with opportunities to learn from the unique experiences of others' stories, engage in conversation, and reflect on their own development.







Candace's Corner





Hosted by Candace Cunningham, this podcast series invites leaders across our state to talk about key issues affecting the disability community. Discover helpful resources and solutions to improve quality of life and promote long-term success.



Season 1, Episode № 1 - What is People First? — Join Candace as she interviews Susan Parker, president of People First of Missouri. Learn about the organization and its affiliated chapters. Susan will share how People First has supported her in her advocacy journey. Learn about People First's priorities and discover information about how to start a People First chapter in your area!











WeSaid Associate Training

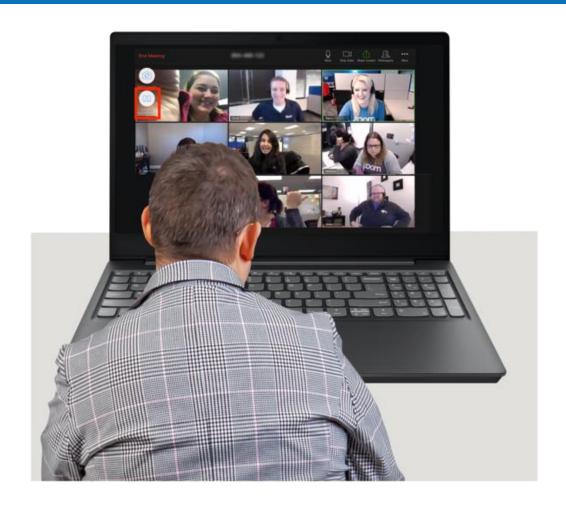
- 1) Self-Advocacy & Self-Determination
- 2) Pride in Yourself
- 3) Getting Your Point Across
- 4) Finding Solutions
- 5) Your Rights and Taking Action
- 6) Serving on Boards, Committees and Self-Advocacy Group
- 7) Community Membership
- 8) Legislative Advocacy & System Change







WeSaid Group



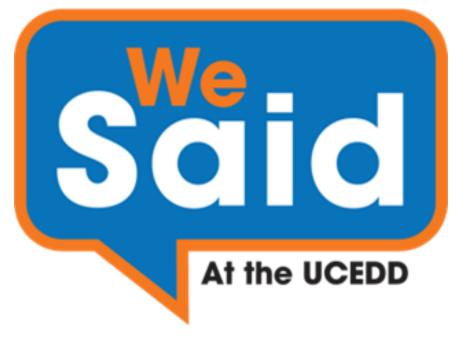
- WeSaid Group is for people who have completed public speaking training.
- Here they receive technical assistance & support each other in goals related to public speaking, leadership and selfdetermination.







WeSaid at the UCEDD-Supporting People First







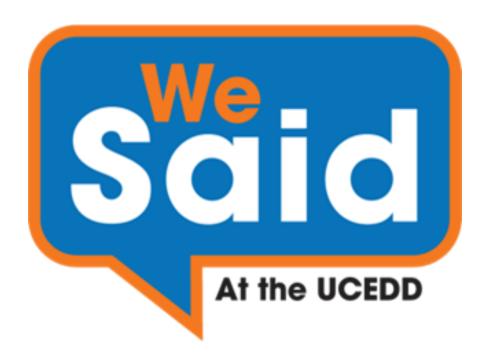


The WeSaid at UMKC-IHD Supports People First of Missouri by:

- Serve as statewide advisory & provide technical assistance
- Coordinating Officer meetings
- Coordinate quarterly Steering
 Committee meetings
- Assist in the writing and reporting of grants
- Maintains website
- Assist with the starting of new Chapters
- Maintains 501(c) (3) status



WeSaid at the UCEDD-Supporting People First



Visit our Webpage

www.ihd.umkc.edu/we-said-at-the-ucedd







WeSaid Academy Survey

- We are asking some questions before and after classes.
- This helps us tell how well your classes are helping with your advocacy & self-determination skills.









