

Having Our Say

The newsletter of SaySo, Strong Able Youth Speaking Out

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Become a Member!

If you are interested in joining **SaySo**, let us know! E-mail or write us with the following information: your name, birth date, and address (including e-mail), region and the kind of out-of-home placement you are or have been in.

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This Month's Inspirational Quote: "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." – [Mae West](#)

SaySo Orientation

This year, SaySo Orientation was held in Pinehurst, NC for the 2012-2013 Board of Directors. The Event began at Sandhills Community College. This day was filled with getting to know all about SaySo and the newly elected Board of Directors. Everyone began their journey as a Board of Director by understanding what it takes to be a leader. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Outback Steakhouse, which was sponsored by SaySo's grandfather, Mr. Frank Phoenix. Later Tuesday evening, everyone was able to share their talents with the group. Some shared stories, songs, poetry & pictures as we celebrated "Who We Are".

On Wednesday, the group continued to work together doing an Outdoor Ropes Course that was both challenging and rewarding.

Thursday concluded our Orientation with the recognition of departing Board Members and the commissioning of new Board Members. We also recognized our New SaySo Regional Assistants and Adult Advisors.

This event was special in many ways. SaySo continues to grow as a family and we look forward to the wonderful work our 2012-2013 Board of Directors will embrace this year. Thanks to our dedicated adult supporters who helped make this event a success.



SaySo Page Week

This year's Page Week was outstanding! Read what the young people had to say:

"It was very fun & you learned a lot about politics. Even though they come from different parties, they can disagree & still be respectful".

-Mary

"It was a wonderful experience. It was educational; it allowed us to meet people and opened up opportunities for us to have a bright future :)"

-Ashley

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Good News!

This month is very exciting for SaySo. We have so many young people doing wonderful things. This month's Good News:

Marcella M., SaySo Board of Director, was selected as a 2012 FosterClub All-Star. Marcella completed her internship in Seaside Oregon and returned to North Carolina to continue her work in advocacy and being a voice for young people in foster care. Thank you Marcella for representing foster youth in NC.

SaySo Welcomes our 2012-2013 SaySo Regional Assistants

- Jackie D. -Region 1
- Rodney A. -Region 2
- Roman R. -Region 5
- Kalyn D. -Region 6

SaySo Welcomes our 2012-2013 SaySo Adult Advisors

- Shante C. -Region 5
- Kimberly C. -Region 6
- Angie M. -Region 2
- LeAnn M. -Region 4



Back to School!

SaySo, Inc. Staff

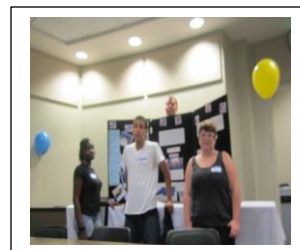
Nancy Carter- Executive Director

Lauren Zingraff- Program Coordinator

Chaney Stokes- Assistant Program Coordinator

It's My Transition

The summer 2012 "It's My Transition" was hosted by SAYSO and Moore County LINKS on July 17th. Erica F., a SaySo Board of Director and Titianna G., a former Board of Director, spoke to the group about personal experiences and how to find the support and resources necessary for transitioning. Isai Robledo and Lindsey Farmer of Sandhills Community College presented on Academic/Vocational Skills and Vicky Locklear of the Moore Building Futures Program presented on Sufficient Financial Resources. The day was a huge success!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- SaySo LINK-Up – Saturday, November 3, 2012, Matthews, NC
 - National Independent Living Conference - September 4-7, 2012, Atlanta, GA. SaySo members will conduct workshops on:
 - Social Networking –Think Before You Tweet
 - Bridging the Gap-Who Can I Count On?
 - Make A Difference Day - October 27, 2012
- event will include "From Darkness to Light" Workshop
- Visit our website at www.saysoing.org for more information

SaySo Local Chapter-Look Who's Making Moves!

Kalyn D., SRA - is working hard in creating a local chapter in Brunswick County. Here's what she had to say- "Since accepting the position as SaySo's Regional Assistant, I have brought a great deal of interest to Brunswick County's Dept. of Social Services. Recently, the LINKS coordinator, Mary Anne Cox, other SaySo members, and myself have discussed and decided we would like a local chapter. With support we were able to gain publicity in a local newspaper and planned a luncheon with hopes to gain eligible youth who want to speak out and start a local SaySo chapter with the same amount of interest."