

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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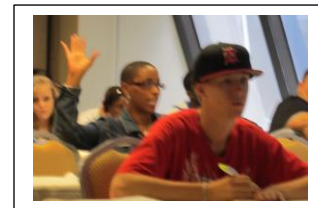
This Month's Inspirational Quote: **If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.** *John Quincy Adams*

National Independent Living Conference

Members of the SaySo Organization had the opportunity to participate in the 25th Annual National Independent Living Conference in Atlanta, Ga. SaySo decided to charter a bus once again so that many of our members could make the trip to this awesome conference. Once we arrived in Georgia, we were able to meet & greet with other wonderful people from across the United States. The conference officially kicked off on Tuesday, September 5th and lasted until Friday, September 7th.

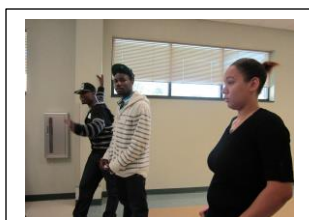
During the week, SaySo had the opportunity to present two workshops- **Bridging the Gap**, which focused on identifying personal supporter people for youth in substitute care, and **Social Networking**, which provided tips and guidelines for young people to use while connecting with others using social media.

SaySo was honored to be a part of the NILA conference this year. We look forward to next year's conference!



IT'S MY TRANSITION

Our fall It's My Transition took place on October 20, 2012 at Johnston County Community College. We had a wonderful group of young people who participated in activities that focused on **academic/vocational goals** and **sufficient income to meet daily needs**; two of the 7 LINKS outcomes. We ended the day with a QuickLINKS challenge game and then closing remarks. Wow!! What a day...



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Good News!

SaySo is proud to acknowledge all of our young people who are continuing their education and overcoming their adversities while being resilient and facing challenges with a positive attitude. Great job all SaySo members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LINK-UP Conference –January, 2013 Location-To Be Determined

SaySo Saturday- March 2, 2013, Guilford Technical Community College, Greensboro, NC

Come celebrate SaySo's 15th Birthday!!!

Visit our website at www.saysoing.org for more information



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Make A Difference Day

SaySo participated in the **2012 Make A Difference Day** event. This year, Make A Difference Day was even more special to the members of SaySo. We gave honor to one of our own, Makeisha Williams, who was a dedicated member to SaySo and the leading inspiration for the SaySo "Give a Child a Smile" campaign. SaySo would like to give a very special thanks to all of our community partners who contributed to Make A Difference Day:

List of community partners:

**Eaton Corporation in Raleigh, NC for sponsoring MADD
Emily K Center for facility space
North Carolina Youth In Transition Collaborative
Covenant with NC's Children**

And to all other partners who donated to this wonderful day! Thank you for your kindness!



NOVEMBER LINK-UP

On Saturday, November 3, 2012, SaySo in partnership with Mecklenburg County DSS hosted a youth conference event at Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, NC. The youth obtained knowledge on education and also being an advocate in North Carolina. We had guest presenters from the NC Division of Social Services & Foster Care to Success. They also enjoyed empowerment stations on speaking out and staying healthy. Our next LINK-UP will take place in January 2013. It was a great day and who hope to see some of you at our next event.

Thank you to our SaySo Board of Directors, SaySo Regional Assistants, & our Adult Supporters who attended. Your help made this day a great success