

People First of Iowa

Vision – People with disabilities live, work, socialize, and play a part in the community of their choice along with friends, family and peers.

Mission – To be a self-advocacy and support group for people with disabilities who will learn how to speak for themselves and teach others about their rights and responsibilities as individuals with disabilities.

Purpose – To unite and strengthen the disability community in Iowa and build equal partnerships with communities at large through:

- Educating self-advocates about their rights and responsibilities.
- Making presentations.
- Working with people who make decisions about disability issues for our communities, for the State of Iowa and for the Nation.
- Telling Iowans about People First through the newspaper, newsletters, programs, radio, and television.
- Raising money to pay for People First events and expenses.
- Sponsoring social events.
- Attending local, state, and national meetings.
- Developing strong and helpful relationships between the Disability Community and local communities.

Principles

- People First of Iowa membership includes and represents all disabilities.
- People with disabilities make the decisions.
- Family members, friends, and advocates who support People First of Iowa are encouraged to become non-voting members.
- All people with disabilities should live, learn, work, and socialize in communities of their choice.
- People with disabilities should make their own choices concerning all aspects of their own lives.

People First of Iowa is a chapter of Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE).

I AM A Self-Advocate

- I believe in the democratic process.
- I am empowered to speak for myself.
- I interact with others with respect and dignity.
- I am a valued member of my community.

People First of Iowa Membership Form

Membership Categories

_____ Self – Advocate (Voting member)	\$10.00
_____ Family, Friend, Advocate (Non-Voting member)	\$10.00
_____ Supporting (Non-Voting member)	\$25.00 (& Up)
_____ Corporate (Non-voting member)	\$100.00 (& Up)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Organization _____

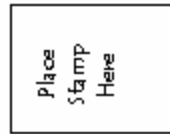
Your membership in People First of Iowa is appreciated and will assist the organization in the pursuit of our mission.

Please return this membership form and money due to People First c/o of The Arc of Story County P.O. Box 5004 Ames, IA 50010

Make checks payable to People First of Iowa. Your membership is valid until September 2006.

For more information contact The Arc of Story County at (515) 232-9330 or laurie@thearcstory.org

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Self-Advocacy

Self-Determination

Self-Empowerment