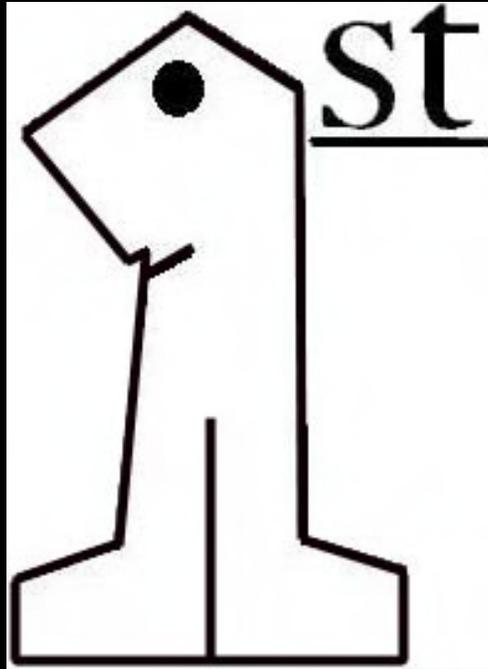


PEOPLE FIRST®



**WHAT'S IN A
NAME?**

P...O...W...E...R

**Which letter appears the weakest?
What makes it appear weak?**



P...O...W...E...R

**Which letter appears the strongest?
What makes it appear strong?**



P...O...W...E...R



The “O” is stronger than the “P”

P...O...W...E...R



The “W” is stronger than the “O”

P...O...W...E...R



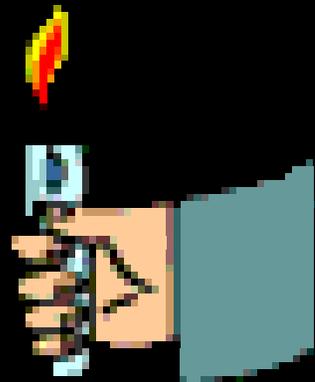
The “E” is stronger than the “W”

P...O...W...E...R



The “R” is stronger than the “E”

P...O...W...E...R



**What makes each letter stronger
than the letter before it?**

P...O...W...E...R

Each letter can be seen as a
part of the organization
known as...

PEOPLE FIRST®

P...O...W...E...R

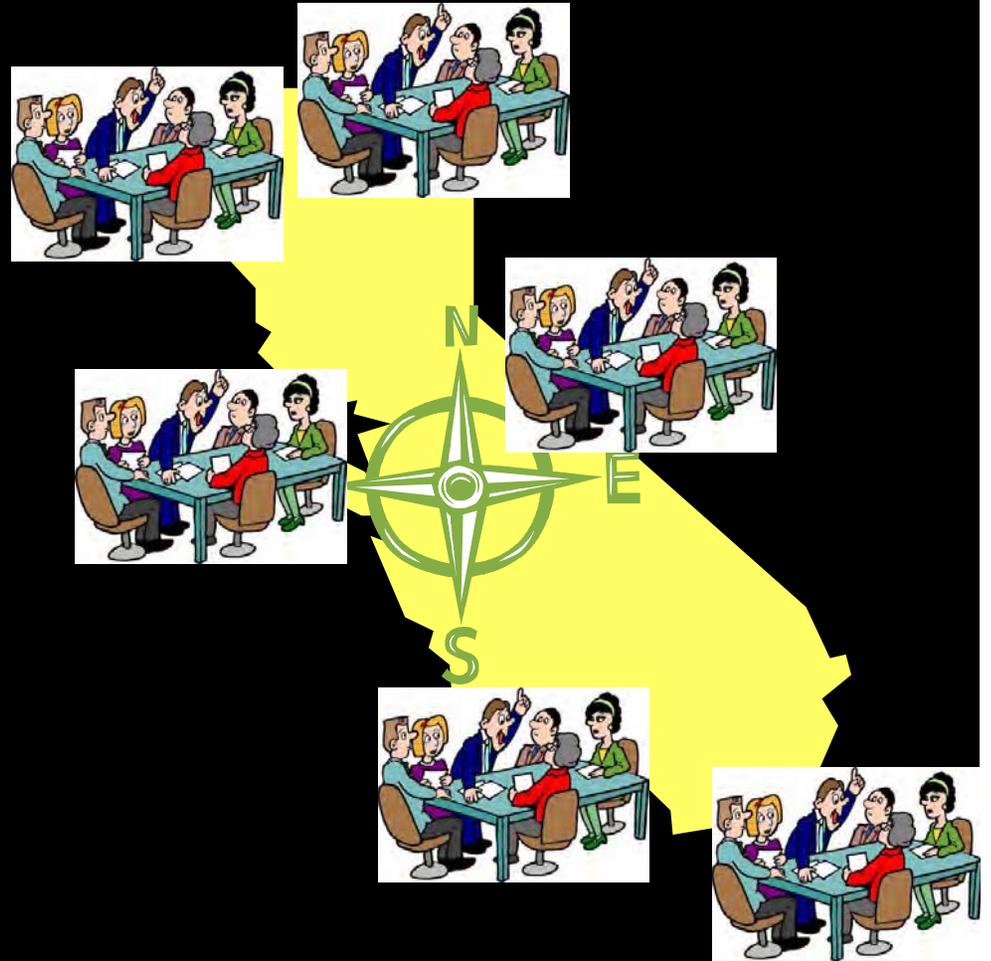


“P” represents individual chapters: San Diego, Ukiah, Paradise, Capitol, etc.



P...O...W...E...R

“O” represents
all the chapters
of a particular
area of the
state: northern,
central,
southern



P...O...W...E...R

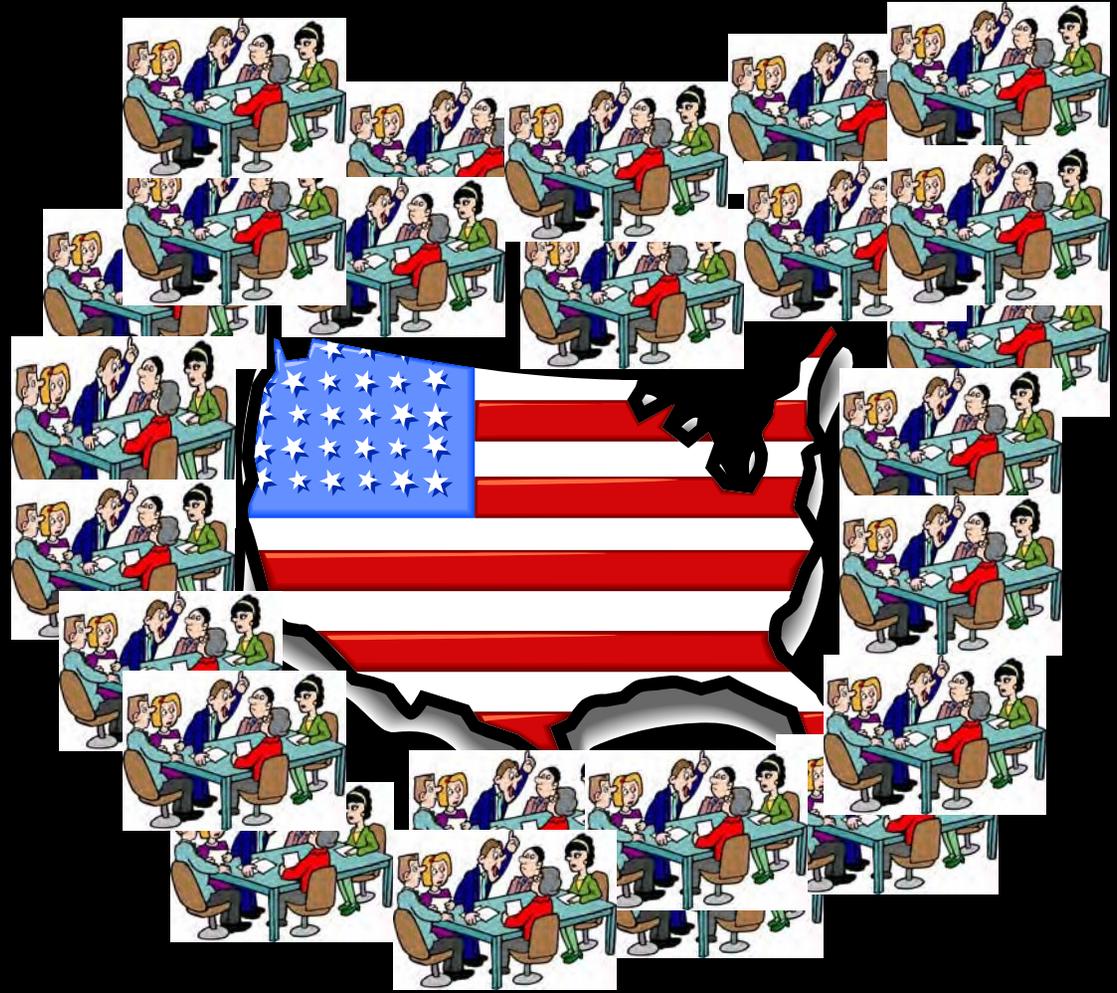
“W”

represents all
the chapters
of California



P...O...W...E...R

“E”
represents
all the
chapters
of the USA



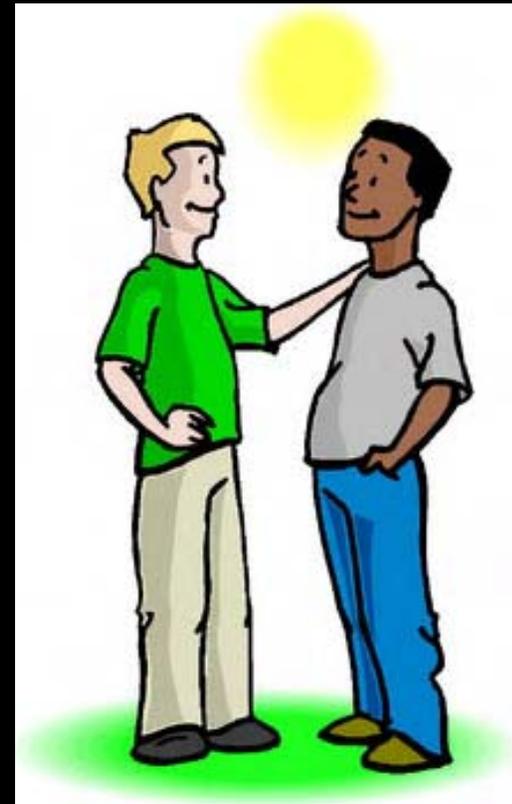
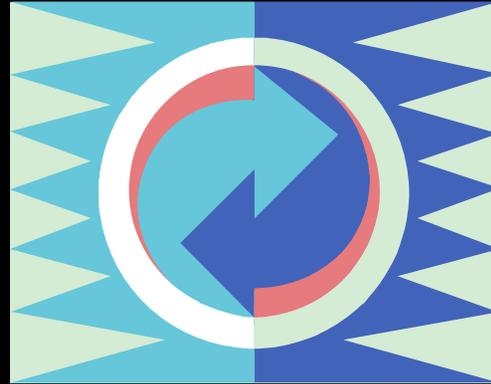
P...O...W...E...R

“R”

represents
all the
chapters of
the world



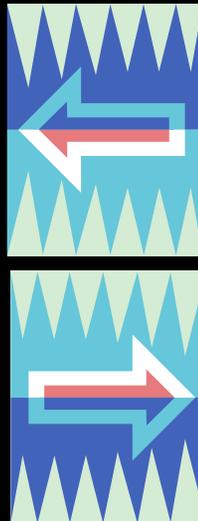
The more people connect...



The more area chapters connect...

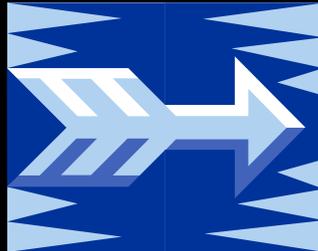
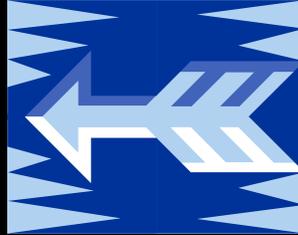


San Diego

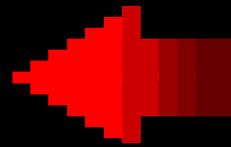
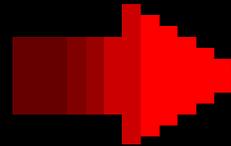


Ukiah

The more state chapters connect...



The more national chapters
connect...



**People First
becomes stronger
and more capable of
achieving the goals
of all people around
the world.**



Together, WE HAVE....



POWER

People First® of California, Inc.



Your Statewide Self-Advocacy Organization
“Self-Advocates Training Self-Advocates”

What is People First?



A self-advocacy,
self-help
organization run by
and for people with
developmental
disabilities.

What is People First?

– *Self-Advocacy*---members learn to speak up and make decisions for themselves



What is People First?

- *Self-Help---members make friends, help each other, and reach out to others with different disabilities*



What is People First?

- *Members planning fund-raisers, social events, community projects, and conferences*



People First Chapter Benefits

- Gives self-advocacy groups **visibility** and **credibility**



People First Chapter Benefits

- **Connect with others with same interests and concerns**



People First Chapter Benefits

- **Learn---**
 - *How to speak up for self and others*



People First Chapter Benefits

- **Learn---**
 - *Rights and responsibilities*



People First Chapter Benefits

- **Learn---**

- *Problem solving and decision making skills*



People First Chapter Benefits

- **Make friends around the country & world**



Becoming a People First Chapter

- **A People First Chapter must:**
 - *Be **led** by people with developmental disabilities*
 - *Elect at least 4 officers to run the meeting*
 - *Helpers or advisors may support the members*
- **Believe and teach People First Principles**
 1. **Speak up for ourselves**
 2. **Solve our own problems; make our own decisions**
 3. **Know our rights and responsibilities**
 4. **Contribute back to our communities**

Role of Helper / Advisor

- **A helper / advisor---**
 - *Guides members in accomplishing chapter goals*
 - *Encourages team work to get things done*
 - *Is not a member*
 - *Does not vote*
 - *Does not make decisions for the group*



COSTS

- Presently, there no fees to become a People First Chapter.
- Local chapters may have dues and fund raisers.



Chapter Names

- **To benefit as a chapter of People First, self-advocacy groups that already have a name may:**
 - *Add “People First[®]” to their name*
 - *Add a reference that they are “an affiliate with People First[®]”*
 - *Change their name while including the name “People First[®]”*

People First's Mission Statement

People First's mission is to help start, inform, and support local chapters so that all people with developmental disabilities are able to speak for themselves, know their rights and responsibilities, and are respected, valued members of their communities.

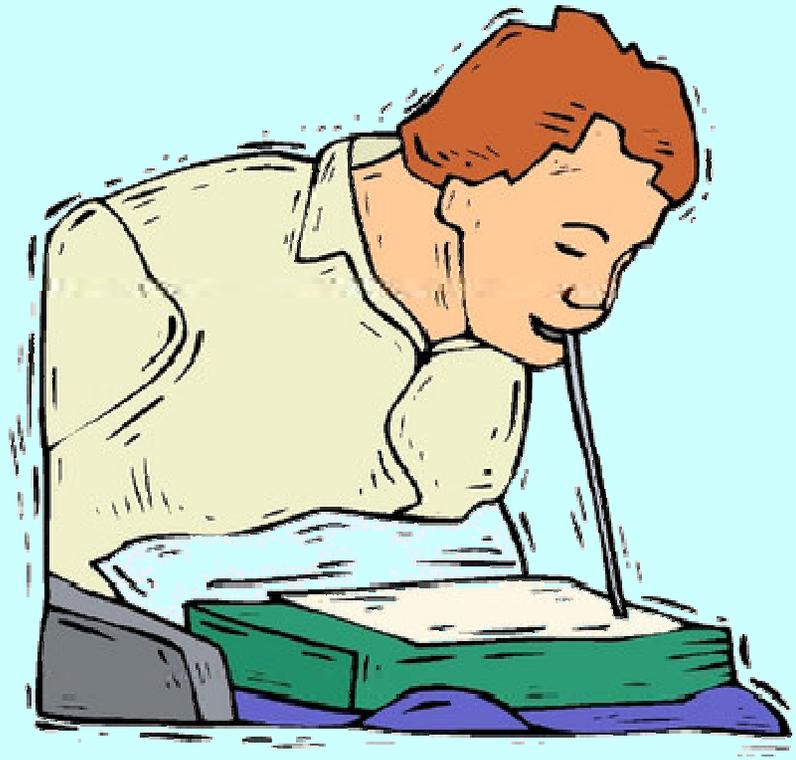
Value Statement

- All people are equal.
- All people have the same legal and human rights as anyone else and are treated with respect and dignity.
- All people have the right to make choices in all areas of their lives.



Value Statement

All people have a right to free speech and are given the opportunity to communicate in whatever forms they choose.



Value Statement

All people are entitled to the support they need to assure their full participation in a decision-making group.



History of People First

- **Started in 1974**
 - *Self advocacy conference in Canada*
 - *Attended by a group from Oregon*
 - *Given by professionals*
 - *Oregon group organizes*
 - *Many were residents of Oregon institution*
 - *Decides to have own conference given by them*
 - *Needed a name*
 - *Judy Cunio, “WE ARE PEOPLE FIRST, OUR DISABILITIES ARE SECOND.”*

NEED MORE INFO?

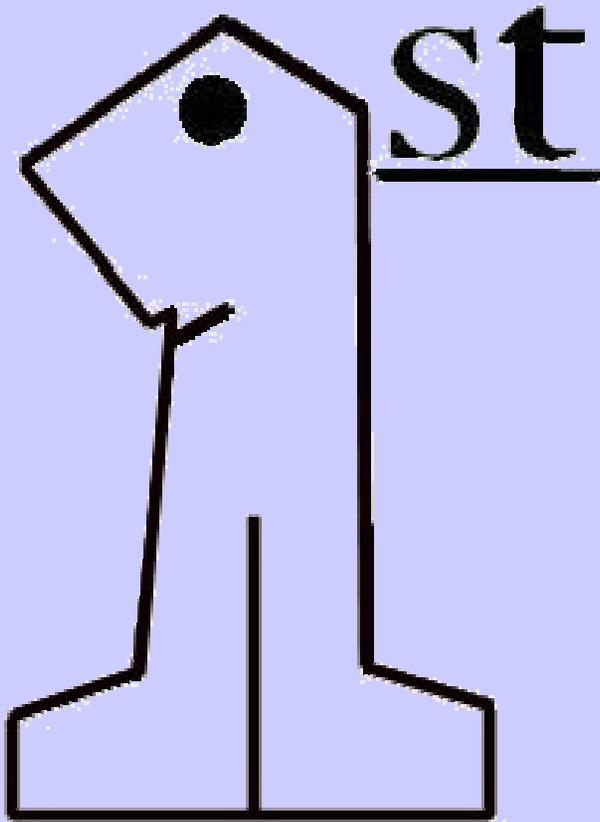
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WHO ARE WE?



**WE ARE
PEOPLE
FIRST!**

**OUR
DISABILITIES
ARE SECOND.**

WHO ARE WE?



**WE ARE
PEOPLE FIRST OF
CALIFORNIA!
SELF-ADVOCATES
TRAINING
SELF-ADVOCATES**

**Come Join Our Strong Movement---
and Make Your Voice Heard!**