



## Self Advocate and Speaker

# Micah Fialka-Feldman

*" I give hope, and new ideas to parents of children with disabilities, educators, and people with disabilities."*

**Micah has opened up a new door in Syracuse, New York!**

"I am ready to speak at your next event and will engage participants in a meaningful experience; promote learning in a responsive setting for all students, and help to educate your staff to understand the benefits of inclusion for all."

Micah Fialka-Feldman is a student, national speaker, and pioneer who fights for disability-pride, justice, an inclusion. He is part of the first wave of adults with intellectual disabilities attending college and has been fully included in his school and community. Since moving to Syracuse in January 2012, Micah has been employed as a Graduate Assistant at the Syracuse University School of Education.

Through the use of power point and video clips, Micah tells the story of his fully inclusive life. As he shares his experiences and perspectives, the audience will learn about inclusion, advocacy, self-determination, college for students with intellectual disabilities, what it takes to fight a long battle, and disability pride.

*If you are looking for an inspiring speaker, an exemplary advocate, a powerful dreamer, and an award winning pioneer, welcome Micah Fialka-Feldman. He has a proven track record for moving audiences to new understanding and action!*

Micah's friend Alex Cherup, a national speaker and a law student majoring in disability law, frequently speaks with Micah and shares what it means to be a friend!

Keynote addresses at the following conferences:	
2011	
<b>Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&amp;M</b> Conference: <i>"Advocacy from the Ground Up"</i> TALAC Conference	<b>Syracuse University School of Education</b> Conference: <i>Annual Summer Leadership Conference</i> <i>"Equity, Inclusion and Excellence: Leading Schools for All"</i>
<b>North Dakota Department of Public Instruction</b> Conference: <i>2011 North Dakota Secondary Transition Interagency</i> Conference: <i>"Selecting Interventions to Improve Student Outcomes"</i>	<b>The ARC of Illinois</b> Conference: <i>"Speak Up and Speak Out Summit"</i> <i>"The Path to Self-Direction"</i>
2012	
<b>Community Living Ontario</b> Conference: <i>Commerce 2012</i> Keynote Presentation	<b>Arizona TASH</b> Conference: <i>8th Annual Inclusive Practices Summer Institute</i> <i>"Tuned In"</i>
<b>TAPPestry</b> Keynote Presentation <i>San Antonio, Texas</i>	<b>Syracuse, NY</b> <b>Parent University 2012-Syracuse University Parent Advocacy Center (SUPAC)</b> From Dream to Reality: <i>Achieving Educational &amp; Social Goals</i> Personal Future Planning: <i>MAPS</i>

Micah has also presented at national conferences for PEAK, PACER, TASH, and the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Micah is available to visit your school, your agency, your parent group; he wants to meet with students, educators, parents and activists.

To read more about Micah, his presentations, what people are saying about him, and to watch the award-winning documentary, *Through the Same Door: Inclusion Includes College* visit Micah's website:

[www.throughthesamedoor.com](http://www.throughthesamedoor.com)

*Through Micah's own "speaking up and speaking out", others are finding their voices.*

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