

CARE & FEEDING OF RESEARCH ADVOCATES

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RESEARCH ADVOCATE

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ADVOCATES PARTNERING WITH RESEARCHERS

- Effective
- Essential



PLANNING A RESEARCH ADVOCATE PROGRAM



Support from the top



Roles & responsibilities
Design intentional and meaningful interactions.



Include a training plan:
Researchers & Advocates



No financial burden on
advocates.

SELECTING ADVOCATES

PHD – Personal History of
Disease - as a patient or caregiver

Connected to and represent their
communities.

Advocates should not be
researchers

CONDUCTING THE ADVOCATE PROGRAM



Include advocates from the start



Acknowledge Advocate's work.
Include them in presentations



Develop a mentorship program

FOLLOW UP & REVISE

Listen

Listen. Maintain program flexibility

Observe

Observe the process

**Don't
trash**

Don't trash the program

GREAT ACTS ARE MADE UP
OF SMALL DEEDS – LAO TZU

BE PATIENT





THANK YOU

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