

# 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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### Upcoming Events:

**April 11-13:** SaySo Survivor  
**May 18-23<sup>rd</sup>:** SaySo Page Week  
**June 24-26:** BOD Orientation

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## Newly Elected Board of Directors



**Congratulations to our newly elected Board of Directors for our 2008-2009 SaySo year. Region 1:** Cherish C., Samantha H., and Rachel S. **Region 2:** Chaetez C., Reneka C., LaRico C., and Jasmine E. **Region 3:** Jasper H., Melissa A., and Keyonna R. **Region 4:** Alexisean D., Erica F., and Nicole L. **Region 5:** Brittany H., Deborah J., and Shametta W. **Region 6:** Chaney P.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support SaySo! Because of your support this past SaySo Saturday was a HUGE success! If you missed the fun, make sure to sign up for next year's SaySo Saturday!

## Currently recruiting for SaySo pages!



All Pages will meet directly with their local politicians and have pictures made with the Governor. Pages will also be asked to facilitate a workshop to other **SaySo** members about their experience.

All pages will receive a \$150 stipend for participating. The LINKS program will pay for the host family and professional clothes (a budget will be provided to your social worker). Men will need ties and jackets. Women will need skirts with stockings or pant suits. House and Senate pages wear dress shoes. Governor pages are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.

April 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. Contact the SaySo office at 800-820-0001, [sayso@ilrinc.com](mailto:sayso@ilrinc.com) or ask your LINKS worker to recommend you to us if you are interested.

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## TOP TEN – Reasons to LOVE SPRING



10. Flowers are beginning to bloom
9. More Sunny Days – Get out those shorts!
8. More rain – help get NC out of our Drought
7. More daylight hours
6. Baseball Season
5. The Easter Bunny ROCKS!
4. LOVE is in the air
3. MARCH MADNESS
2. School is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way DONE!
1. SPRING BREAK

Do you want to share YOUR STORY with SAYSO???

We are currently looking for Foster Youth to share their story through a poem or short story!

If your story is selected...we will post it directly on our website.

Send your Stories to: [r.galen@ilrinc.com](mailto:r.galen@ilrinc.com) or 411 Andrews Rd. Suite 230 Durham, NC 27705

**[WWW.SAYSOINC.ORG](http://WWW.SAYSOINC.ORG)**

Make sure to SIGN UP on our Website – Only takes 60 SECONDS!

**EXTRA! EXTRA! – READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!**

**Alumni/over 18 useful information!**

**If you check out our website...under LATEST NEWS! You will find this section!**



**What you will find:**

**Useful websites – we have links to several websites that can help with housing, financial aid for school, and other independent living skills.**

**We also have a CHECKLIST for youth who are about to age out! This was created by DSS workers in NC.**

**Help us make this section better by emailing us useful information or your positive stories of SUCCESS! [sayso@ilrinc.com](mailto:sayso@ilrinc.com)**

## “FOR YOU” GUIDEBOOK:

**ITS HERE!** For those who attended our SaySo Saturday event, you should have received the ONLY printed edition of the guidebook!

For those who could not attend....

Well...we have it posted on our website – [www.saysoinc.org](http://www.saysoinc.org) for you to print off for your own use!

Come check out information on –

Foster Youth Rights in Foster Care

LINKS – What can you really get from it???

And TONS of useful information!

