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# ANNUAL REPORT

A WORLD WHERE OUR COMMUNITY THRIVES



# 2024

## OUR MISSION

To support, educate, and advocate for people impacted by limb loss and limb difference.

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# WELCOME



First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for our community support including our many donors, national sponsors, strategic partners, and community volunteers who alongside our board of directors and dedicated staff make our programs and services successful.

If you are like me, somewhere in your journey as a person living with limb loss and/or limb difference you have overcome more than you ever thought possible. Maybe you have, like me, had to remind yourself that mistakes are not only necessary but are the stepping stones we look back on and see the amazing journey we have traveled. And the best is yet to come. As I enter 2024 as the Amputee Coalition Board Chair, entering my 7th year of service to the Amputee Coalition, the journey has not been without struggle, but has continued with the underlying tone of progress, not perfection, that will keep the Coalition strong.

We know that over 5 million people in the U.S. are living with limb loss and/or limb difference, and the vision of the Amputee Coalition - a world where our community thrives - is a vision we remain persistent in delivering on.

Amputee Coalition serves people living with limb loss and/or limb difference, as well as caregivers, family, and friends, who receive vital resources for their journey as members of our community. We remain steadfast: to serve those who need us most. We thank our continued partners, supporters, and donors and look forward to continued growth.





**#ACNC24**



# BOARD CHAIR

# MESSAGE



As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, we do so with momentum, clarity, and confidence. The progress achieved in 2024 laid a powerful foundation—one defined by transformation, strengthened relationships, and a renewed commitment to elevating the impact of the Amputee Coalition nationwide.

Together, staff and volunteers advanced a mission rooted in support, education, and advocacy for people living with limb loss and limb difference. Engagement deepened at every level—from grassroots advocates to national partners—expanding our reach and reinforcing the Coalition’s role as a trusted, respected voice for the community. The strides made were not simply milestones; they were building blocks for sustainable growth and broader systems change.

Looking forward, partnerships remain central to the path ahead. Intentional collaboration with industry leaders, policymakers, donors, and community champions will continue to fuel innovation, expand access, and strengthen advocacy efforts in 2025 and the years to come. The focus is clear: scale impact, amplify voices, and ensure long-term organizational strength to meet the evolving needs of those we serve.

The future of the Amputee Coalition is one of continued elevation—grounded in purpose, energized by partnership, and driven by an unwavering commitment to improving the wellness and mobility of people with limb loss and limb difference across the country.

Thank you for your steadfast partnership and belief in this mission.

William P. Perno, MBA, FACHE  
Board Chairman / Member 2018-2025



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# 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE #ACNC24

## CELEBRATING CONNECTION

The Amputee Coalition's largest event of the year, the National Conference (ACNC24), took place from August 8 to 11 in Atlanta, Georgia.

This annual gathering was crucial to our mission, designed to connect with as many members of the limb loss and limb difference community as possible. The theme for ACNC24 was "Celebrating Community," as it was the combination of the two most used words to describe the reason why people attend the National Conference. The conference was rooted in our founding principles, emphasizing the vital role of peer support and the unique expertise gained only through lived experience.

Throughout the conference, attendees engaged in educational sessions, clinics, and activities that covered our core program areas: education, support, and advocacy. Beyond serving our community, ACNC24 was a key strategic event that strengthened our role as a leading voice and convener for the limb loss and limb difference community. It also served as a major driver for the sponsorships that fund our essential work.





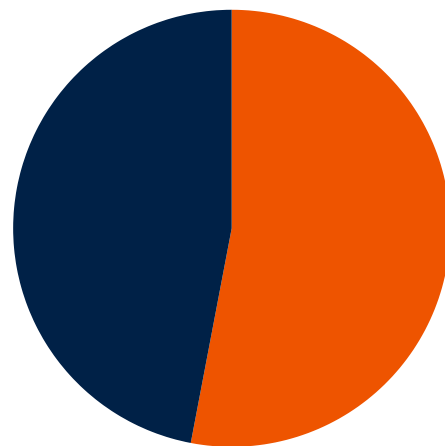
ACNC24 attendees stated they were motivated to attend to 1) network with people, 2) gather information, 3) improve decision-making processes.

45 Attendees indicated during registration that they were Veterans, and 75 attendees were scholarship recipients. The Scholarship Fund was supported by several corporate sponsors and many individual donors, who contributed to increasing the scholarship offerings for attendees.



**53%**  
First-Timers

**47%**  
Previously Attended



**51%**  
Non-PwLLLD or  
Not Indicated

**49%**  
Person with Limb Loss or Limb Difference



PwLLLD = Person who has limb loss and/or limb difference

# ATTENDEES

## BY THE NUMBERS



37%

indicated that they were members of the community

14%

indicated that they were speaker / presenter / clinic facilitator

14%

indicated that they were sponsor / exhibitor

12%

indicated that they were caregivers/family members

10%

indicated that they were professionals

14%

indicated that they were "other", staff, Board members, Scientific and Medical Advisory Committee members, and other support staff



# YOUTH CAMP:

## 2024 PADDY ROSSBACH YEP YOUTH CAMP



The spirit of our community soared at the 2024 Paddy Rossbach YEP Youth Camp, which made an exciting return to a traditional camp setting! From July 15th to 19th, we hosted the five-day experience at Camp Aranzazu in Rockport, Texas, bringing together an incredible group of 50 youth campers, counselors, and staff.

The week was packed with unforgettable adventures. Our campers established genuine, lifelong friendships while diving into thrilling activities like bay-front sailing and fishing, kayaking, the heart-pounding 'Screamer', archery, campfire sing-alongs, and much more.

### Aged 10-17

All are youth who have limb loss and/or limb difference who use a variety of mobility and assistive devices.



### SPECIAL GUESTS

- 1 Julian Molina Gary
- 2 Nixon Jovan Booker

### WORKSHOPS

- In partnership with Texas A&M University: Students with Disabilities Accommodations
- Workforce Development: Summer Internships and Resume Writing

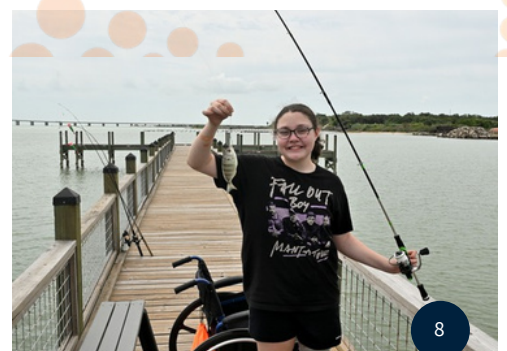
# 50 CAMPERS

The impact of the camp was clear and moving. In their post-camp surveys, our youth reported gaining a greater sense of independence, benefiting from invaluable peer-to-peer mentorship, and building strong, trusting relationships with adults who share similar lived experiences.

This camp was a powerful reminder that our youth engagement programs are truly building confidence and connection for the next generation of leaders.



- ## ACTIVITIES
- **Campfire S'mores & Sing-alongs**
  - **Animal Rehabilitation**
  - **'Screamer' bungee swinging**
  - **Tile Painting**
  - **Archery**
  - **Marshmallow Paint Wars**
  - **Basketball**
  - **Sailing**
  - **Fishing**
  - **Kayaking**
  - **Stand-up Paddle Boarding**
  - **Kickball**
  - **Birding**



# LEAD ADVOCATE

## CERTIFICATION TRAINING

### REVAMPED LEAD ADVOCATE CERTIFICATION TRAINING (LACT)

220 - Certified Lead Advocates

44 - States with CLAs

24 - Letters Signed in 2024

In a powerful move to maximize our community's voice, the Amputee Coalition completely revamped its Lead Advocate Certification Training and trained two successful cohorts, producing 49 new Certified Lead Advocates (CLAs) in 2024. We replaced the traditional 90-minute webinar with a dynamic, four-week educational experience with interactive engagement opportunities. This new program was filled with dynamic in-person and on-demand sessions, immersive individual and collaborative activities, and inspired participants to become courageous advocates for themselves, for others, and for transformative change across their communities.

The investment in this interactive, in-depth approach yielded immediate and exciting results. With the completion of the revamped and more rigorous training, our total count of active CLAs reached nearly 200 champions from across the US, ready to lead advocacy efforts throughout the year. By enhancing the training, we have significantly strengthened the foundation of our advocacy program and the impact of every single person who leads change.



# SUPPORT SERVICES

## Support Services

- Certified Peer Visitor (CPV) Matching
- Virtual Support Groups
- Community Connections
- Information & Referral Services
- Healthcare Navigation
- Hospital and Healthcare Partnerships
- CPV Training
- Resource Center Developments

**342,000**

**inMotion Magazine Distribution**

**204**

**Active Support Groups  
(7 - Virtual)**

**10**

**New Resources  
Developed**

**5**

**Updated Resources**



The Pain Management brochure series was turned into easy-to-access fact sheets on the website. Community Connections ([www.nllrc.amputee-coalition.org](http://www.nllrc.amputee-coalition.org)) is self-guided for community members and clinicians to take actionable steps in finding local resources and support groups. The Support Group Finder that used to be a standalone tool on our website, has been integrated into Community Connections for increased ease of use, with over 200 active support groups from across the country, plus 7-monthly virtual support groups hosted by Amputee Coalition.

inMotion magazine, Thrive blog, and Thrive e-newsletter highlight upcoming events and updates to resources and programs, including webinar offerings covering topics ranging from coping with aging and amputation to suicide prevention to helping children cope when a parent has an amputation. In addition, research opportunities and updates on scientific research impacting the limb loss and limb difference community resulted in the largest increase in research engagement in recent years.

Certified Peer Visitors are matched based on visitee-selected demographics of importance. Options include age, race, gender, location, medium (virtual or in-person), cause of amputation if applicable, length of time since amputation if applicable, and level of amputations and/or limb difference(s). CPVs in 2024 provided meaningful, life-changing, and critical support to members of the community at various stages of their limb loss and limb difference journey.

**New resources were developed, and existing materials were thoughtfully refreshed to reflect current best practices and updated guidance.**

# SO EVERYBODY CAN MOVE

**So Every BODY Can Move** is more than a campaign—it's a national movement to ensure people with limb loss and limb difference have access to the prosthetic and orthotic care they need to live active, independent, and healthy lives. Across the country, advocates, clinicians, partners, and community members are working together to advance insurance fairness and mobility rights at the state and federal levels—because movement is not a luxury, it's a necessity.

Through this bold initiative, the Amputee Coalition is championing policy change, mobilizing grassroots advocates, and equipping individuals with the tools and confidence to share their stories and shape legislation that impacts their daily lives.

Thank you for joining with us in 2024—your partnership has helped fuel life-changing programs, expand education and peer support, and strengthen advocacy efforts nationwide. These milestones are only possible because of the generosity of sponsors, partners, donors, and supporters near and far.

As we look ahead to 2026 and celebrate 40 years of impact, we invite you to continue this journey with us—honoring our legacy while accelerating a future where every person with limb loss and limb difference has equitable access to care, opportunity, and the freedom to move.



## Year In Review

### Bills Introduced

1. Florida (SB 0828 / HB 1003)
2. Indiana (HB 1428)
3. Maryland (SB 614 / HB 0865)
4. Massachusetts (H 4096)
5. Minnesota (HF 3339 / SF 3351)
6. Nebraska (LB 1274)
7. New Hampshire (SB 177)
8. New Jersey (SB 1439)
9. Pennsylvania (HB 2399)
10. Tennessee (HB 1992 / SB 2010)

### Bills Enacted

1. Maryland (SB 614 / HB 0865)
2. Minnesota (HF 3339 / SF 3351)
3. New Hampshire (SB 177)



## 39 STATE COALITIONS

### IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

1. Arkansas
2. Colorado
3. Illinois
4. Maine
5. Maryland
6. Minnesota
7. New Hampshire
8. New Mexico

All go into effect as of 1/1/2025

### INTRODUCING LEGISLATION 2025

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Alaska         | 13. Tennessee* |
| 2. Connecticut    | 14. Texas      |
| 3. Delaware       | 15. Washington |
| 4. Florida*       |                |
| 5. Georgia        |                |
| 6. Maryland**     |                |
| 7. Massachusetts* |                |
| 8. New Jersey*    |                |
| 9. North Carolina |                |
| 10. Ohio          |                |
| 11. Oregon        |                |
| 12. Pennsylvania* |                |

### POTENTIALLY INTRODUCING LEGISLATION 2025

1. Colorado\*\*
2. Indiana\*
3. Michigan
4. Nebraska\*
5. Virginia

\*reintroducing legislation  
\*\*expanding existing SEBCM legislation



## BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE

- |            |               |           |             |              |               |             |
|------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Alabama | 3. California | 5. Idaho  | 7. Kentucky | 9. Montana   | 11. Utah      | 13. Wyoming |
| 2. Arizona | 4. Hawaii     | 6. Kansas | 8. Missouri | 10. Oklahoma | 12. Wisconsin |             |

# SO EVERYBODY CAN MOVE

National Mobility Movement,  
Powered by Local Legislative Change

Let's make movement a human right.



So Every BODY Can Move is at the forefront of the national disability rights movement, creating equitable and life-changing access to prosthetic and orthotic care for physical activity in 28 states by the 2028 Paralympics.

December 2024

# A LOOK AHEAD

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2025



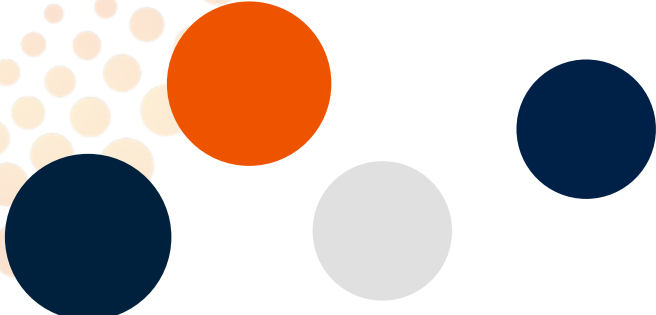
1. National Sponsor Program: partner with Amputee Coalition (April 2025-March 2026)
2. Paddy Rossbach Youth Camp at Camp Aranzazu in Rockport, TX, from July 27 to August 1, with Young-Adult Certified Peer Visitor Training
  - a. Campers: open to youth ages 10-17
  - b. Leaders-in-Training: open to young adults ages 18-19
  - c. Sports and Peer Support:
  - d. Limb Chats
  - e. Archery
  - f. Rock Climbing
  - g. Fishing
  - h. Swimming
  - i. Challenge Course
  - j. Traditional Camp Activities
3. Scientific and Medical Advisory Committee (SciMAC): Development of 1) Wrist-Disarticulation Guide, 2) Limb Loss Prevalence Manuscript, 3) Osseointegration Decision-Making Guide under the leadership of Medical Director, Dr. Prateek Grover
4. Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month (April) and State Gubernatorial Proclamation Campaign
5. Continuing Efforts for So Every BODY Can Move to create life-changing access to prosthetic and orthotic care for physical activity in 28 states by the 2028 Paralympics.

# THANK YOU!



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