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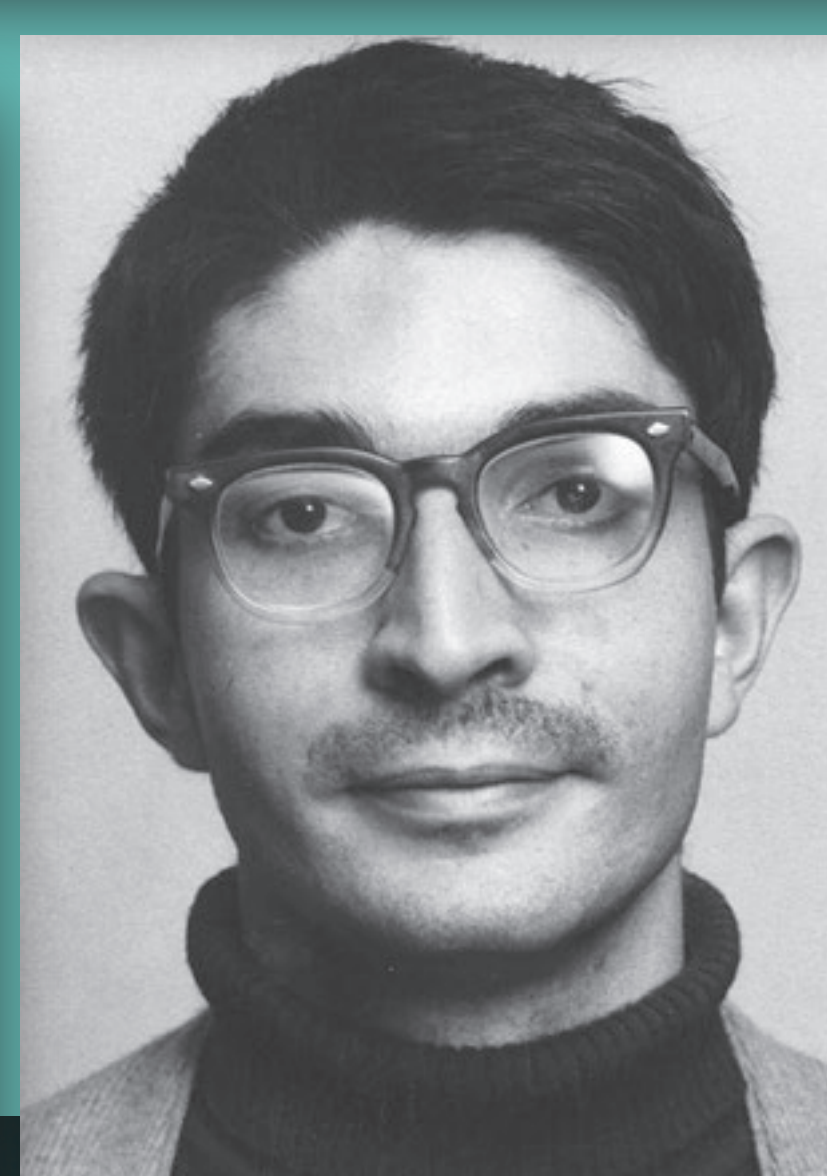
A new voice gained strength as people with developmental disabilities began to speak out, challenging systems that did not recognize their right to make their own decisions about what they wanted to do and where and with whom they wanted to live.

In 1987, the Partners in Policymaking program was created in Minnesota to educate and train self advocates and parents of children with developmental disabilities to be actively involved in their communities and work with their elected officials to positively change the way people with disabilities live, work, and are educated.

Below: From *Let A Thousand Flowers Bloom*, 1987.



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From *A New Way of Thinking*,
by Ann Marsden, 1987.



Above: *Tribune*, Sept. 29 1972. "Working: 110 Outreach Clients. Five clients participate in a Panel Discussion." Photos by Pete Hahn. Left: Gloria Gunderson, 28, works in the sewing room of the United Cerebral Palsy workshop in Minneapolis. Center: Cliff Poetz, 23, is not ashamed to say he is "MR," although he detests the word. And he is not too modest to say he is doing all right for himself. He is working at a "pretty good job," earning money (30 cents an hour), living in his own apartment, cooking his meals and serving on the board of directors of a state organization concerned with people who have disabilities. Right: Carol Robinson, 27, strips down computers at a sheltered workshop: "I tell people I'm not really that bad (badly disabled). I tell them. But I don't know if they believe me."

Background: Capitol Crawl, Washington D.C., courtesy of the Tom Olin Collection, March 12, 1990.

