



**Creating Power
Everyday**

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About Sheila Radziewicz

Award winning advocate, speaker, educator and author, Sheila Radziewicz has faced inequality, fought against institutional discrimination and questions society's norms. She has stood up against institutional discrimination because she understood the importance of self-advocacy and being the voice of the people. Through an incredibly supportive family she lived life to the fullest and done anything and everything possible.

Sheila Radziewicz is a dedicated and determined advocate with a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. Her bright personality, ability and determination is apparent in everything that she does. Currently, she is a Disability Advocate at NILP (The Northeast Independent Living Program, Inc.) where she provides peer support to persons with disabilities and advocates within systems. As a trainer she has educated criminal justice agencies, civil organizations, and other community members on the effects of domestic violence, violence against people with disabilities, self advocacy, self determination, disability awareness and many other topics.

Born with a rare congenital birth defect called TAR Syndrome (Thrombocytopenia Absent Radius), Sheila's medical prognosis was bleak as an infant; expected not to survive and if she did would be dependent on others. Sheila shares the true realities of growing up with a disability; the fake smiles, others feeling the need to force help upon her and how she showed them all she could do it.

Sheila has been awarded the Team Hoyt Rising Star Award from Easter Seals, April 2012 for her determination to break down barriers facing people with disabilities; and a Letter of Commendation, February 2012, for her outstanding contribution to the development and dissemination of Tae Kwon Do. She has been a member of the Regional Board of Easter Seals Massachusetts and been on the Steering Committee for IMPACT: Ability.

Sheila is featured in documentaries including: *Delightful Sheila*, Seoul, South Korea, February 2012, *Taekwondo: Unity of Mind, Body, and Life*, Seoul, South Korea, November 2011 and *Sheila's Story*, National Disability Employment - Easter Seals, October 2011. Author of *The Impossible Only Takes a Little Longer: One Woman's story of Determination*, available on Amazon.



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Empowering & Educating Others

Speaking Engagements

- Keynote, Major Financial Group, MA, 10/2014
- New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Concord, MA, 10/ 2014
- Boston University, FYSOP Boston, MA, 8/2014
- Stonehill College Easton, MA, 10/2013
- Boston Abilities Expo Boston, MA, September 2013
- Easter Seals - Youth Leadership Forum, Bridgewater, MA, 7/2013
- Keynote - Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative, Transition/ Self Determination Conference, Dover, Delaware, 4/2013
- Keynote - From Crime Scenes to Sentencing and Beyond: Addressing crimes against persons with disabilities and elders, Danvers, MA, 11/2012
- Keynote - Partners in Policymaking Program, Dover, DE, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council, 9/2012
- 4th World Youth Taekwondo Camp, Seoul, South Korea, 7/2012
- Easter Seals - Youth Leadership Forum, Bridgewater, MA, 7/2012
- Ready, Set, Go! Easter Seals, Cambridge, MA, 4/2012
- Shriners All-Star Football Orientation, Reading, MA, 3/2012
- Tae Kwon Do Academy, Seoul, South Korea, 2/2012
- Boys and Girls Scout Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, 2/2012
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- Easter Seals - Connect for a Cause, Cambridge, MA, 2/2012
- North Shore Medical Center Pediatrics, Salem, MA, 1/2012
- Responding to Crime Victims with Disabilities, National Training Conference, Orlando, FL, 12/2011
- St. John the Baptist School, Peabody, MA, 11/2011
- Easter Seals - Youth Leadership Forum, Bridgewater, MA, 7/2011
- Aleppo Shrine Temple Ceremonial Meeting, Wilmington, MA, 6/2011
- Disabled Persons Protection Commission, Braintree, MA, 4/2011
- Aleppo Shrine Temple Annual Meeting, Wilmington, MA, 4/2011
- Swampscott High School, Swampscott, MA, 4/2011
- West Memorial Elementary, Peabody, MA, 4/2011
- Burke Elementary, Peabody, MA, 4/2011
- Essex County District Attorney's Office, Salem, MA, 3/2011
- Melha Shrine Temple Ceremonial Meeting, Springfield, MA, 12/2010
- Bruce McCorry's Martial Arts, Peabody, MA, 12/2010
- Easter Seals Annual Meeting, Waterbury, CT, 11/2010
- FOX-25 News Interview, Waltham, MA, 11/2010
- Police Academy, North Reading, MA, 4/2010



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Speaking Topics

Find the Fierce is about creating power and synergy for individuals, families, groups, and advocates. It focuses on living a life free of bullying, supporting young people who are being bullied or supporting individuals who need empowerment and/or a confidence boost in the face of challenge.

- Disability Awareness
- Self-esteem Enhancement
- Parent Workshops
- Professional Development Workshops
- Peer Leadership
- Anti-Bullying Strategies
- Commencement Speaker
- Overcoming Adversity
- Empowering the Youth
- Career Days

Success Power Stand *Protection from Bullying*- This platform is about finding self acceptance and opening your heart to the success that is awaiting you. This conversation about about what is possible for you and the people you support to be safe and confident in the world.

Powerful Families, Powerful Young People- Transformational work happens easiest with support. This conversation is about setting your agenda aside and truly listening to the needs of others. So often we assume too much and listen too little. Find the power within you to truly be an ally.

Self-Advocacy *Stand up & speak out*- The ability to speak your needs to the world. If you don't tell your needs to others how else will they know them? This conversation is about standing up for yourself in the face of adversity. As difficult as it may feel you have the strength inside to stand up and speak out!



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Testimonials

"Sheila Radziewicz personifies what Rick and I speak of when we adopted our motto, Yes You Can. She lives it every single day of her life and this is why she was such a deserving recipient of the Team Hoyt Rising Star Award in 2012. Whether it is driving her car, putting away her dishes, brushing her own hair, traveling overseas to hone her Tae Kwon Do skills or even writing this book, Sheila lives, eats and breathes Yes You Can."

-Dick Hoyt (Team Hoyt)

"I enjoyed the level of pure enthusiasm coming from the heart, to share the trait of believing in who you are and who you can be. Sheila has the individuality with a touch of spunk that I admire."

- Michaela Arroyo, Boston University

"Sheila Radziewicz inspires everyone, both with and without disabilities, with her determination and accomplishments. As a motivational speaker and mentor to children and teens with disabilities, she is a fine role model."

- Kirk Joslin, President, Easter Seals Massachusetts

"Sheila's story and the creative strategies she incorporates into her life to achieve her personal and professional goals are inspirational. When you look at Sheila, you don't see obstacles, you see accomplishments. Her joy is contagious and her zest for life sincere."

- Bernadette H. White, Director of Public Relations, Shriners Hospitals for Children

"Key-note speaker at two of our events and, both times, she was nothing short of outstanding. Sheila is a dynamic, inspiring speaker who captivated both audiences. Many of the attendees stated she was the highlight of the conference. Sheila is energetic, enthusiastic and mixes her life's messages with humor. She demonstrates a tremendous strength of character as she relays the challenges she has faced in her life and how she not only overcame them, but used them to make her stronger."

- Patricia Maichle, Executive Director, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council

"An incredible story of strength and determination from a woman who believes that 'nothing is impossible . . .' Well-written and highlighted with her beautiful poetry, this book explains Sheila's experiences in a world that will never know what it is like to be her. "I have chosen to live each day to its fullest," she says, "and I have succeeded in just about everything I wanted to do."

-- Ann Hall, Easter Seals Communications Specialist