



CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ June 2017

What's happening in the disability community in New Mexico

Unite in support of the **DDPC** goals of Advocacy, Capacity Building and Systems Change

The **Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)** is a group of individuals including self-advocates, family members, professionals, employees and dedicated individuals uniting for one mission. Our mission is that the **New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council** will promote advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans with developmental disabilities and their families. For more in-depth information on the **DDPC**, take a look at [our council's five goals](#).

Recent DDPC COUNCIL News

The Council is seeking members from **outside the Albuquerque metro area**. All applications need to go through the Governor's website: <http://www.governor.state.nm.us/>. On the website there is a drop-down box "Governor's Office" where you can choose "Boards and Commissions" and click on the line for "Apply for a Board Position." In the application, you can apply for the Council.

Disability News & Upcoming Events

Contact [Daniel](#) to include your news and events

2017 Summer Fun Series



**Mondays, June 5 and June 12
1:15 to 2:45 pm**

Click [here](#) for more information!

Goal: Through interactive opportunities for self-discovery, each person will find his/her positive strengths while having fun, connecting with others and growing personally.

How: Interactive opportunities include hands-on craft projects. All materials provided at no costs. **Refreshments served.**



Summit on Advocacy
"Know Your Rights So You Can Live the Life You Want!"



Friday, June 16
Statewide Summit on Advocacy* Starts at Noon, Excellent Sessions, Dinner and Dance!

Saturday, June 17
The Arc of New Mexico Annual Conference

Click [here](#) to register!

[Summit Program Sessions](#) Organized, Summit Logo Designed and Self-Advocacy Awards Chosen by the *Fellows* of DDPC's *Advocate Leadership Academy*

*Funded by Developmental Disabilities Planning Council



Guardianship Program Update: If you would like to request a

presentation on guardianship, contact Maria Bourassa, Guardianship Program Manager at 505-841-4524 or maria.bourassa@state.nm.us. The Guardianship Program has been hard at work with court hearings, site visits to Guardianship providers and preparing the new online database.

Federal Program Update: The Federal Program projects directly relate to the current Five-Year Plan (2017-2021) developed and approved by the Council. The Five-Year Plan is based on input received from people with disabilities, family members, professionals and community members from across the state.

Funding for these projects are from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living/Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

For example, the Arc of New Mexico is funded to put on the **Statewide Self-Advocacy Summit** on Friday, June 16, at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque. The theme of this year's conference is "Know Your Rights, So You Can Live The Life You Want." This conference covers human rights, advocacy, and more for people with disabilities statewide. It also awards distinct individuals who make a difference in the disability community.

Center for Self Advocacy (CSA) Update:

As directed by the Five-Year Plan, DDPC/CSA staff are conducting a 14-week pilot of the new **Advocate Leadership Academy**, a leadership development program for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The pilot program began in March and ends in June. The Academy Fellows are participating in designing events like the upcoming **Summit on Advocacy** and the **Summer Fun Series**.

Applications are being accepted until June 19 for the next **Advocate Leadership Academy** which begins in August, [click here for the application](#).

In May, two CSA staff members, Cynthia Berhkeimer and Suzanne Kryder, presented at Sierra Vista Elementary School in Las Vegas, NM. A photo of Cynthia is below.



To schedule outreach events conducted by CSA, contact Suzanne at 505-670-5698 or Suzanne.kryder@state.nm.us.

FEATURED DDPC Council Member

Sergio Resendiz is the Vice-Chair of the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council and has been a self-advocate member for 4 years. He likes being Vice-Chair of the Council, because he's a good leader. He likes all of the Council members, because they focus on the meetings. Sergio has participated in the DDPC/CSA Fall Class, the Summit on Social Equality, and the Southwest Conference on Disability. He graduated from Partners in Policymaking, serves on the New Mexico Allies for Advocacy, Inc. Board, and was a New Mexico Young Disability Leader. He worked at the Arc of Southern New Mexico as a Self-Advocate Project Assistant for 10 years. He enjoys sports, speaking out, and making friends. Currently, Sergio is a Fellow in the DDPC/CSA *Advocate Leadership Academy*.



Disability Awareness Curriculum Input Needed

The office of the Attorney General Outreach Division is developing a disability awareness curriculum. As part of this curriculum, they will have a section on their website with stories from the community. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact Amira Rasheed, A.Rasheed@nmag.gov, 505-

Know Your Rights Steering Committee Meeting

A coalition of different groups and individuals is working on the Know Your Rights campaign which addresses the Final Rule and rights of individuals with disabilities. The Final Rule amends the regulations which govern the Medicaid 1915 (c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs. These rules are an important step forward in federal policy, supporting inclusion and integration of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

The next meeting is:

Where: DDPC Conference Room

When: **June 6** from 1:30-3:30 pm

For more information on the campaign, go to <http://actnewmexico.org/cms-final-rule.html> or contact Wendy Corry at wendy@corryconsulting.com.

June Events Contact 505-670-5698 to include your upcoming events.



June 3 - 9
Camp Rising Sun for Kids
Torreon



June 6
*Making Social Security Work:
Social Security Work Incentives for People with Disabilities*
9:00am-2:00pm
Las Cruces
[More information.](#)



June 7
Supported Employment Local Leaders (SELL) Meeting
10:00am-11:30am
Roswell
[More information.](#)



June 7
*Making Social Security Work:
Social Security Work Incentives for People with Disabilities*
11:00am-4:00pm

[More information.](#)



June 7

NMABA Journal Reading: TBD

6:00pm-7:00pm

Location TBD

[More information.](#)



June 8

Making Social Security Work:

Social Security Work Incentives for People with Disabilities

9:00am-2:00pm

Albuquerque

[More information.](#)



June 8

School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting

10:00am-11:30am

Santa Fe

[More information.](#)



June 8

Parent to Parent Special Education Workshop

5:30pm-7:00pm

Gallup

[More information.](#)



HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

Public Meetings from June 14 - 26

Human Services Department,

Medical Assistance Division (HSD/MAD)

will hold public meetings to discuss

the Centennial Care Waiver Renewal Concept Paper.

Albuquerque: June 14

Silver City: June 19

Farmington: June 21

Roswell: June 26

[More information.](#)



June 15
Job-ING
5:30-7:30pm
Albuquerque
[More information.](#)



Parents Reaching Out

June 15
*Social Opportunities and
the Importance of Having Fun*
5:30pm-7:30pm
Albuquerque
[More information.](#)



June 15 & 16
*Summer Institute on Evidence Based Practices:
A Closer Look at Evidence Based Practices*
8:30am-4:30pm
Albuquerque
[More information.](#)



June 20
School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting
2:30pm-4:00pm
Farmington
[More information.](#)



June 21
Supported Employment Local Leaders (SELL) Meeting
8:30am-10:00am
Farmington
[More information.](#)

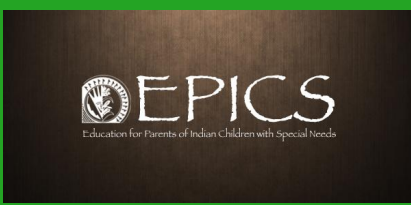


June TBD
School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting
10:00am-11:30pm
Taos
[More information.](#)



Parents Reaching Out

June 21
Native American Parent Support Group
5:00pm-7:00pm



Albuquerque
[More information.](#)



June 22
New Mexico Allies for Advocacy
Infrastructure Report
9:30am-10:30am
DDPC, Albuquerque



June 22
New Mexico Allies for Advocacy
STAKEHOLDER MEETING - ALL INVITED
12:00pm-2:30pm
Landmark Apartments Meeting Room
6303 Indian School Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110



June 22
Parent to Parent Special Education Workshop
5:30pm-7:00pm
Gallup
[More information.](#)



June 22
Public Speaking Skills
5:30pm-7:00pm
Albuquerque
[More information.](#)



June 24 - 30
Camp Rising Sun for Teens
Torreon

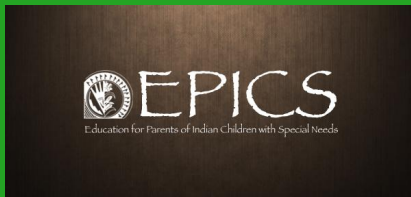


June 28 & 29
Systematic Instruction Training
8:30am-5:00pm
Farmington
[More information.](#)



Parents Reaching Out

June 29
Record Keeping Workshop:
Keeping It All Together
10:00am-11:30am
Albuquerque
[More information.](#)



June 29
Public Speaking Skills
3:00pm-4:00pm
Webinar
[More information.](#)

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HOLD THE DATE:

October 11-13, 2017
Southwest Conference on Disability
Albuquerque

Click [here](#) for more information.



Click [here](#) for early bird registration.



Support Group for LGBTQ people with disabilities

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
6:00pm-7:30pm



[Learn more.](#)



Cultivating Coders
provides rural Native communities
with world-class Computer Science education.

[Learn more.](#)

Martial Arts classes at the Mountain Dojo 319 Mountain NE Albuquerque

For Itty Bittys, Kids, or Adults on Thursdays. [Learn more.](#)

Resources

"Health and Safety for Caregivers" four-hour training. The topics include workers rights, preventing infection, and Musculoskeletal Safety. The class is free to agencies and caregivers. It can be provided at an agency location and a time convenient to the agency and caregivers. Click [here](#) for a flyer with more specific information. If you would like to arrange a training, call Pamela Stafford, M.A., CESP at 505-710-9680.

Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) worked with providers, advocates, and other stakeholders to develop a Provider Data Summary that makes key data about providers available to the public. [Learn more.](#)

Autism Flexible Services Program: Program designed to help meet the needs of children with ASD and their families. [Learn more.](#)

From the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line: [Information in English and Spanish](#)



Disability Rights New Mexico is looking for participant for two boards

The first board is the Disability Rights New Mexico Board of Directors.
The second board is for the Mental Health Advisory Council.
For more information on these boards and to apply, go to www.drnmm.org



Disability Rights New Mexico has moved

Their Albuquerque Office is no longer on Central and Louisiana. They are now located at 3916 Juan Tabo Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Their new office is on the east side of Juan Tabo Blvd., NE, between Comanche and Montgomery. Turn east at the traffic light for "Juan Tabo Place", and they are in the second building on the right. Their contact information has NOT changed.

Center for Self Advocacy

Exciting news and upcoming events at the **New Mexico Center for Self Advocacy**: [Keep up with our calendar of future events here.](#)

The Center for Self Advocacy has continued outreach to various schools. If you want **Center** staff to present at a school near you, contact Suzanne Kryder at Suzanne.Kryder@state.nm.us or 505-841-4571.

Guardianship Program

The **Guardianship Program** is a statewide, publicly funded guardianship services program for guardians of last resort for income and resource-eligible incapacitated adults.

The **Guardianship Program** provides guardians, legal services for court proceedings and even trained Mental Health Treatment Guardians. [Learn more about the essentials here.](#)

Federal Program

The **Federal Program** addresses five key areas including self-advocacy, education and early intervention, leadership/quality assurance, community action and support and employment.

The organizations funded through the **Federal Program** and others are supported by federal and state funding [Learn more here.](#)

[Visit us and learn more!](#)

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