



## CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ May 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.**



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**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](mailto: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).

One of these projects is **Forward @ 14 funded by DDPC and administered by Parents Reaching Out (PRO)**. The funding supported five sessions at PRO's recent Family Leadership Conference on April 20-21. The goal of this project is to ensure youth with disabilities and their families are given opportunities for transitioning and to learn and grow.

### **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 that began in March. 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](#).

DDPC/CSA staff recently participated in the **Family Leadership Conference** that was put on by **Parents Reaching Out**. CSA staff spoke at three **Forward @ 14** sessions and hosted a promotional table as seen in the photo below with Laurel Deans, a Fellow in the new **Advocate Leadership Academy**, and Suzanne Kryder, CSA staff member.



Table at Family Leadership Conference with Laurel Deans \_ Suzanne Kryder

To schedule outreach events conducted by CSA, contact Suzanne at 505-670-5698 or [Suzanne.kryder@state.nm.us](mailto:Suzanne.kryder@state.nm.us).

## FEATURED DDPDC Council Member



Photo of Amira Rasheed

**Amira Rasheed** is the Chair of the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. She was born in Tempe, Arizona, to Palestinian parents and has four siblings. She was born with mixed cerebral palsy which has symptoms of both stiffness and relaxed muscle tone. Though many people doubted that she could go to college, she graduated from the University of New Mexico in 2009

with a degree in Psychology and Chemistry. She worked at the Arc of New Mexico for six years as both a Self-Advocate Trainer and a Coordinator. In 2016, she moved to the Office of the Attorney General and began working there as an Advocate under the Consumer & Family Advocacy Services. Amira has been a Board Member for the DDPDC since 2013. She enjoys her work as the Chair of the Council because she wants "to

help as many people as possible to do whatever they want."

## Legislative Reports from Disability Rights New Mexico

Jim Jackson writes a comprehensive report about disability issues in the New Mexico Legislature each week. Click on the report to access it.

[Final Report, April 10](#)



## 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](mailto:A.Rasheed@nmag.gov), 505-717-3584. More information about the project is [here](#).

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



**May 3**  
*Supported Employment Local Leaders (SELL) Meeting*  
**1:00pm-2:30pm**  
**Las Vegas**  
[More information.](#)



**May 3 & 4**  
*Early Intervention Provider Workshop*  
**May 3, 1:00-4:00pm; May 4, 8:30am-3:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**May 4**  
*New Mexico Allies for Advocacy Stakeholder Meeting*  
Click [Here](#) for AGENDA  
**12:00pm-2:30 pm**  
**LUNCH PROVIDED**  
**For More Information, Call 505-670-5698**  
**DDPC, Albuquerque**



**May 4**  
*Focus in ASD: My Child Was Just Diagnosed with ASD,  
Now What?*  
**6:00pm-7:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**May 11**  
*Supported Employment Local Leaders (SELL) Meeting*  
**9:00am-10:00am**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**May 11**  
*School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting*  
**9:00am-10:00am**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**May 11**  
*Making Social Security Work:  
Social Security Work Incentives*  
**10:00am-3:00pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



Parents Reaching Out

**May 11**  
*Supplemental Security Income*  
**2:00pm-4:00pm**  
**Gallup**  
[More information.](#)



**May 12**  
*Making Social Security Work:  
Social Security Work Incentives*  
**9:00am-2:00pm**  
**Farmington**  
[More information.](#)



Parents Reaching Out

**May 13**  
*Forward @ 14 Transition Workshop*  
**10:00am-3:00pm**

**Farmington**  
**More information.**

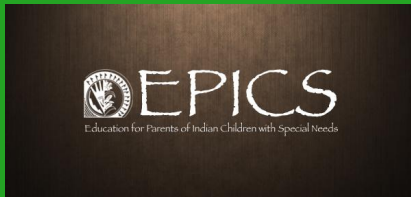


**May 17**  
*School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting*  
**1:00pm-2:30pm**  
**Los Lunas**  
**More information.**



Parents Reaching Out

**May 17**  
*Native American Parent Support Group*  
**5:00pm-7:00pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
**More information.**

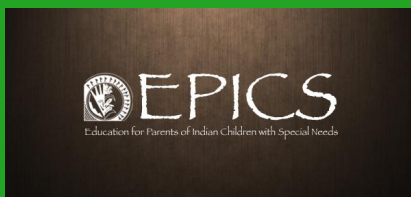


**May 18**  
*Supported Employment Local Leaders (SELL) Meeting*  
**10:00am-1:00pm**  
**Las Cruces**  
**More information.**



Parents Reaching Out

**May 18**  
*ADA and Childcare Centers-Summer Programs*  
**5:30pm-7:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
**More information.**



**May 18**  
*Transition: Middle to High School*  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
**More information.**



**May 18**  
*Job-ING*  
**5:30-7:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
**More information.**



**May 18**  
*Focus in ASD: ASD and Anxiety*  
**6:00pm-7:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**May 19**  
*APSE Certified Employment Support Professional Exam*  
**9:00am-12:00pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**May 19**  
*School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting*  
**10:00am-11:30am**  
**Santa Fe**  
[More information.](#)



**May (Date TBA)**  
*School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting*  
**9:00am-10:30am**  
**Gallup**  
[More information.](#)



**May 25**  
*What You Need to Know about the Workforce  
Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)*  
**9:00am-4:00pm**  
**Las Cruces**  
[More information.](#)



**May 25**  
*Transition: Middle to High School*  
**3:00pm-4:00pm**  
**Webinar**  
[More information.](#)

**May 25**





Parent to Parent Special Education Workshop

5:30pm-7:00pm

Gallup

[More information.](#)



May 31

*Customized Employment Strategies:  
From Discovery to Job Development*

9:00am-4:00pm

Albuquerque

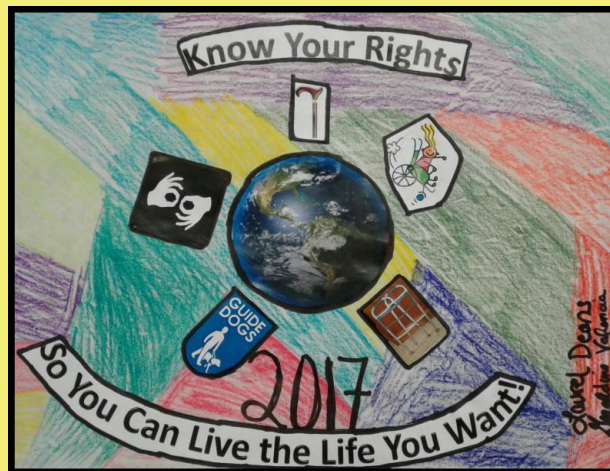
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## Support Group for LGBTQ people with disabilities



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

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.](#)

For individuals on the Autism Spectrum, Facing Your Fears: Cognitive Behavioral Group Therapy approach to addressing Anxiety and Autism [Learn more.](#)

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

For individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their peers, applications are currently available for Camp Rising Sun in June. [Learn more.](#)

From the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line: [Information in English and Spanish](#) and the [December 2016 Monthly Report](#)



## 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](http://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](mailto: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.](#)



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