



## "CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ April 2016

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 seven 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 chose "Boards and Commissions" and click on the line for "Apply for a Board Position." In the application, you can apply for the Council. The next Council Meeting is **April 28 and 29, 2016**. See [Website for Agenda](#).

**Guardianship Program Update:** If you would like to request a **presentation on guardianship**, contact Maria Bourassa, Guardianship Program Manager at 505-841-4524 or email: [maria.bourassa@state.nm.us](mailto:maria.bourassa@state.nm.us)

**Federal Program Update:** The Council's Program Committee is preparing for the April Council meeting so that Council can develop and approve the 2017-2021 goals and objectives based on the survey results.

**Center for Self Advocacy Update:** If you would like to request a presentation from CSA, contact Daniel Ekman at [Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us](mailto:Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us) or 505-841-4543. We will also be coming up with some fun and innovative activities for the

summer and beyond.

**April Events** Contact [Daniel](#) to include your upcoming events



**April 8, 9-4 pm**

*Person Centered Vocational Assessment and  
Employment Plans*

Roswell TBA

Click [HERE](#) to register for free and for more information



**April 7-8**

*UNM Imagine Autism Conference*  
Hotel Albuquerque

Click [HERE](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**April 9, 10-2 pm**

*Forward @ 14*

DDPC's Center for Self Advocacy

Click [HERE](#) to register



**April 21, 8-5 pm**

*WEBINAR: Specialized Early Teaching (0-3 yrs.)*

Click [HERE](#) to register for this free webinar.



Parents Reaching Out

**April 21-22**

*Family Leadership Conference*

Click [HERE](#) to register



**April 25, 9-3 pm**

*Start with Discovery: The Key to Person-  
Centered Job Planning*

Gallup

Click [HERE](#) to register



**Tuesdays, April 26 to June 30, 3:30-5:00 pm**

*Introduction to Job Development*

Albuquerque at the CDD

Click [HERE](#) for this free series of classes.



**April 28-29**  
DDPC Council Meeting at the DDPC



**April 28, 9:00-5:00 pm**  
*Start With Discovery: The Key to Person-Centered Job Planning*  
Las Cruces

Click [HERE](#) to register and get more information.



**April 29, 11:30-1 pm**  
*WEBINAR: Considerations for Adults on the ASD*  
Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this free event.



*San Juan Center for Independence*

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**April 29, 10-2 pm**  
*San Juan Center for Independence Youth Transition Fair*  
Farmington at The Henderson Fine Arts Center,  
San Juan College

Contact Kalee Wilmer for more information and Registration  
505-566-5837



**May 6, 8:30-3:00 pm**  
*Southern New Mexico Advocacy Conference*  
Dona Ana Community College  
Las Cruces, NM  
Click [HERE](#) to register

## Disability News & Upcoming Events

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



## The NM LEND Program is looking for family members or self-advocates to participate

You can learn about:

- Public Policy
- Developing Leadership Skills
- Working with Interdisciplinary Teams
  
- LEND fellows meet every Friday for two semesters at the UNM Center for Development and Disability. For fellows outside of the Albuquerque Metro Area, arrangements can be made to connect remotely via your home computer.

Using experiential activities, LEND Fellows learn about:

- Working on inter-disciplinary teams with others from a multitude of disciplines including: Family Members, Self-Advocates, Special/Regular Education, Medicine, Nutrition, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Public Administration, Psychology, Public Health, Dentistry, Speech-Language Pathology, Social Work, and Others
- Becoming a leader
- Providing family-centered and culturally competent care
- Impacting public policy
  
- The New Mexico LEND program is currently accepting applications for the Spring 2016 semester. The program would be for the Spring and Fall 2016 semesters.
- Go to [www.cdd.unm.edu/nmlend](http://www.cdd.unm.edu/nmlend) to learn more and apply.
- Please email me at [pshingle@salud.unm.edu](mailto:pshingle@salud.unm.edu) if you have any questions

### Save the Date: Southwest Conference on Disability October 5-7, 2016

- The main theme of the conference is Reducing Disparities for People With Disabilities Through Systems Change
- The proposal deadline for presentations is May 6.
- Click [HERE](#) for more information



### 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.drn.org](http://www.drn.org)

**DDPC "Side by Side Celebration"**



Clapping for Stories Shared



Gerald at Side by Side

**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 [daniel.ekman@state.nm.us](mailto:daniel.ekman@state.nm.us) or call (505) 841-4558.

**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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