



CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ August 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 choose "Boards and Commissions" and click on the line for "Apply for a Board Position." In the application, you can apply for the Council.

On **July 29, 2016** the Council approved the final version of the 5 Year Plan goals and objectives.

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

Federal Program Update: A team of 4 DDPC staff will be taking the finalized 5 year plan goals and objectives from July 29 Council approval and submitting the final 5 year plan to the Administration on Community Living by August 15.

Center for Self Advocacy Update: Time for the Fall Class self-advocacy and leadership training program to start up again. We are opening up our Fall Class to anyone, including people who have done

the class before. Click [here](#) to download the application. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, August 5 to Daniel Ekman. For more information on the Fall Class, click [here](#).

August Events Contact 505-670-5698 to include your upcoming events



Thursday, August 4

First Meeting of the Disability Concerns

Subcommittee

9:00-5:00 pm

Room 321

State Capital

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Click [here](#) for the agenda

For information, agendas and schedules of the other subcommittees in the month of August, click [here](#)



Trainings at the EPICS Office

1601 San Pedro Dr. NE Albuquerque, NM

Advocacy 101

August 13 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Cultural Awareness

August 18 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Record Keeping

August 27 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Click [here](#) for more information on how to register



Parents Reaching Out

Monday, August 8

Supplemental Security Income and Waivers

10 am -12 pm

En Suenos y Los Angelitos Taos, NM

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

Tuesday, August 9
Grupo de Apoyo (En Espanol)
10 am -12 pm
At EPICS Office
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

Monday, August 15
Is your child struggling with school?
6-8 pm
Riverwalk Recreation Complex Carlsbad, NM
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

Tuesday, August 16
Is your child struggling with school?
11 am -1 pm
Riverwalk Recreation Complex Carlsbad, NM
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

Tuesday, August 16
Recipes for IEP Success
6-8 pm
Down Syndrome Foundation Roswell, NM
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

Wednesday, August 17
Recipes for IEP Success
9-11 am
Down Syndrome Foundation Roswell, NM
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

Thursday, August 18
Family Support Group

6:00-7:30 pm

Parents Reaching Out Albuquerque, NM

Click [here](#) for more information

Disability News & Upcoming Events

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



Partners in Policymaking is now accepting applicants for their program

This leadership program for self-advocates, family members and professionals, is designed to teach various leadership and self-advocacy skills through monthly multiday seminars. The program is funded through the DDPC Federal Programs. For more information, click [here](#).

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
- 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



**Center for
Self Advocacy**

Guardianship Program

Federal Program

Exciting news and

The *Guardianship*

The *Federal Program*

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 or call (505) 670-5698.

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.](#)

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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