



## "CALLING ALL ADVOCATES" *December 2015*

What's happening in the disability community in New Mexico.

Unite in support of the **DDPC** and our 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 Program Committee of the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council **NEEDS YOUR INPUT** on the priorities for the next 5 years.

We have created a Survey Monkey for the **survey**. It takes 2 to 3 minutes to do. Please fill it out and spread the link to as many people as possible. Click on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5WYSJ57>  
We need your input by **December 18th, 2015**.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled January 7 & 8, 2016.

If you are a **self-advocate or family member** and would like to apply to be on the Council, [Click Here](#)

## Fun Activity/Fact of the Month

**Nov. 28, 2015 - Jan. 2, 2016**

Open 6 to 9:30 p.m. Closed Dec. 24, 25, 31, and Jan.

**River of Lights - Albuquerque Biopark**



Go to <http://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/biopark/events/river-of-lights/river-of-lights>

**December/January Events** Contact [Daniel](#) to include your upcoming events

**December 8**

***Advocacy and the IEP Process*** - Parents Reaching Out -

Go to <http://parentsreachingout.org/events/advocacy-and-the-iep-process/>

**December 8**

***Understanding the Local Labor Market and Customized Employment Approaches***  
- CDD in Las Vegas

Go to <http://cdd.unm.edu/> and click on the event in the right hand column.

**December 10**

***Understanding the Local Labor Market and Customized Employment Approaches***  
- CDD in Gallup

Go to <http://cdd.unm.edu/> and click on the event in the right hand column.

**December 11**

***WEBINAR: Centennial Care & Advocacy for Medicaid Eligible Adults with ASD*** -  
CDD

Go to <http://cdd.unm.edu/> and click on the event in the right hand column.

**December 17**

**Understanding the Local Labor Market and Customized Employment Approaches**  
- CDD in Portales

Go to <http://cdd.unm.edu/> and click on the event in the right hand column.

**January 9**  
- *Pre-Legislative Forum* - \$15

Go to [www.drn.org](http://www.drn.org) and contact them for more information.

**January 23**  
**Forward @ 14** - Parents Reaching Out and The Center for Self Advocacy

Go to <http://parentsreachingout.org/events/forward-14-part-1/>

**January 25-26**  
**2016 Disability Rights Awareness Day** - Santa Fe

Go to <https://www.arcnm.org/drad-registration/> for more information and to register.



The Arc of New Mexico has released their 2016 Legislative Priorities

These include -

- The ABLE Act,
- Maintaining Services,
- the Waiting List,
- Guardianship Services
- Restraint and Seclusion
- For More Information, go to <https://www.arcnm.org/monthly-memo/> and click on October 2015



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 those 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 interdisciplinary 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 NM 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.



**Disability Rights New Mexico has released their FY16 Priorities**

**The topic areas include:**

- Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation
- Assistive Technology
- Brain Injury Services
- Community Based Services
- Employment and Vocational Rehabilitation
- Public Policy
- Mental Health Services
- Self-Determination
- Special Education

To examine their priorities in detail, go to <http://www.drn.org/uploads/PDFs/DRNM%20FY%202016%20Priorities.pdf>

**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 Program Descriptions

### 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.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the Fall Class](#)

- **The Center for Self Advocacy** has continued outreach to various schools and is always looking for new places and new people to make presentations. Staff provides informative and unique training to schools throughout the year. 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

Need a guardian or more information about guardianship? 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.](#)

[Click here to learn the basics of guardianship.](#)

The website also includes laws and regulations. [Go to our website](#)

### 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 funding [Learn more here.](#)

[Visit us and learn more!](#)