



## CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ July 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

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

For example, the Federal Program partially funds the **Information Network** at the UNM Center for Development & Disability. The Network is a comprehensive information service to the New Mexico disability community through referrals to various agencies and by staff traveling across the state providing informational materials.

### **Center for Self Advocacy (CSA) Update:**

As included in the Five-Year Plan, DDPC/CSA staff finished conducting a 14-week pilot of the new **Advocate Leadership Academy**; a leadership development program for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The photos below show the graduation celebration on June 19.



The Academy Fellows participated in designing June events which include the **Summer Fun Series** and the **Summit on Advocacy**. The photos below are from the **Summer Fun Series**.



The photos below are from the **Summit on Advocacy**. The first photo is of Laurel Deans, a recent graduate of the **Advocate Leadership Academy**, accepting the Bob Thompson Achievement Award. The other photo shows advocates dancing at the **Summit**.





A new ***Advocate Leadership Academy*** begins in August. While the deadline for Albuquerque applications has passed, applications from New Mexico residents living outside Albuquerque are being accepted until July 5. [Click here for the application.](#)

To schedule outreach events conducted by the CSA, contact Daniel at 505-841-4558 or [Daniel.Ekman@state.nm.us](mailto:Daniel.Ekman@state.nm.us).

## FEATURED DDPC Practicum Student



Mary Andre has always been involved in helping people through talking and learning about

their needs. She is fulfilling her Social Work practicum this summer at the DDPC which complements her academic training. She currently assists with both the Center for Self Advocacy and the Guardianship program. Her Masters in Social Work with New Mexico Highlands University was completed in 2017. Mary has four adult children and six grandchildren. She is a Santero tapestry artist, and ministers musically as a Cantora in two Catholic choirs. She will hold two group activities at the DDPC, using art themed discussion on July 17th and 24th. To check space availability, contact Daniel Ekman at 505-841-4558 or [Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us](mailto:Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us).

### **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. Click [here](#) for more information on this project.

### **Know Your Rights Steering Committee Meeting**

A coalition of different groups and individuals is working on the **Know Your Rights** campaign which addresses the CMS 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: **August 1** 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](mailto:wendy@corryconsulting.com).

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



*Partners in Policymaking  
is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 session.  
The goal of the program is for participants to develop skills for effective  
advocacy related to disability issues.*

**Albuquerque**  
[For flier.](#)  
[For application.](#)



**July 11**  
*School to Work Transition Alliance (SWTA) Meeting*  
**2:00pm-4:00pm**  
**Albuquerque, CDD**  
[More information.](#)



**July 15**  
is the deadline to submit comments

on the Centennial Care Waiver Renewal concept paper and any other issues for HSD to consider in its application.

[More information.](#)



**July 17**  
*Self-advocacy and Inclusion in the  
Workplace*  
**3:00pm-4:00pm**  
**Webinar**

[More information.](#)



**July 19**  
**August 16 & September 20**  
*DD Waiver Unit, DDS, is hosting monthly feedback  
forums to present and accept feedback on draft  
chapters of the DD Waiver Services Standards*

**9:30am-3:30pm**

**Albuquerque**

[More information.](#)



Parents Reaching Out



**July 19**  
*Native American Parent Support Group*  
**5:00pm-7:00pm**  
**Albuquerque**

[More information.](#)





**July 20**  
*Self-advocacy and Inclusion in the  
Workplace*  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**July 26**  
*Emergency Preparedness  
designed specifically for persons with disabilities*  
**9:00am-12:00pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**July 26**  
*New Mexico Allies for Advocacy*  
**STAKEHOLDER MEETING - ALL INVITED**  
**FOOD Provided**  
**5:00 - 6:00pm**  
**Landmark Apartments Library Meeting Room**  
**6303 Indian School Blvd.**  
**Albuquerque**  
**Call Daniel at 505-670-5698 for the phone conference call number or  
more information.**



**July 26**  
*New Mexico Allies for Advocacy*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
**6:00 - 8:00pm**  
**Landmark Apartments Library Meeting Room**  
**6303 Indian School Blvd.**

Albuquerque  
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Now through July 22nd  
**Running Medicine**  
*Tuesdays 6pm at Roosevelt Park, Thursdays 6pm at Netherwood Park,  
Saturdays 8am at Bosque School*  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)

**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.](#)

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

#### Guardianship Program

The **Guardianship Program** is a statewide, publicly funded guardianship services program for

#### Federal Program

The **Federal Program** addresses five key areas including self-advocacy, education

**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.

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.](#)

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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