



CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ November 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 five goals](#).

Important Information on the DD Waiver

Click [here](#) to read an important letter from the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division regarding the DD Waiver.

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. The next Council meeting is **Friday, Nov. 4th, 2016** at DDPC.

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.

The Guardianship Program has been hard at work with court hearings, site visits to Guardianship providers and preparing for the new online database.

Federal Program Update: Last month on Friday, October 7, at 2:15pm in the Cochiti Room at the Albuquerque Convention Center, DDPC staff conducted a presentation explaining the five year plan. This presentation took place as a part of the Southwest Conference on Disability. Throughout the month, information has been distributed on programs funded through the Federal Program including the Information Network and the Medical Home Portal. Meetings were also held last month with various contractors and work on the projects listed in the five year plan are underway.

Center for Self Advocacy Update: The **Fall Class** is entering its final stages. The advocates are hard at work on projects that will get their concerns on a variety of important topics to the legislature.

To find out what these project are and meet the participants, attend the Center for Self Advocacy **Open House on Monday, November 28 from 4-7 pm**. This event will feature an exclusive look at the projects as well as food, a chance to visit the DDPC Offices and even prizes. The event is a showcase of the leadership abilities and the growth shown by the self-advocates during our Fall Class. Don't miss it.



The Center for Self Advocacy also participated in a two-day series of events in Silver City. Not only were CSA employees Suzanne Kryder and Cynthia Berkheimer present, but the Executive Director of the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, John Block, also attended the events. These included discussions with individuals in Silver City regarding future outreach plans as well as participation in the first **Grant**

County Down Syndrome Buddy Walk. For more information on this event, click [here](#).



You can contact the DDPC at 505-670-5698 or email: Suzanne.kryder@state.nm.us to schedule outreach events.

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



November 1
NM SELL Meeting
10:00-12:00 pm
Gallup



November 2
NM SELL Meeting
8:30-9:45 am
Farmington



November 2
Brain Injury Support Group Meeting
11-1 pm
DDPC Large Conference Room



November 3
NM SELL Meeting
9:00-10:30 am
Albuquerque



Parents Reaching Out

November 3
Family Support Group Meeting
10-12 pm
Taos



Parents Reaching Out

November 3
Record Keeping Workshop
5:30-7:30 pm
Kid Power Therapy, Albuquerque



November 3-5
Partners in Policymaking Leadership Training
Albuquerque



Election Day is November 8 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm! Here is a map of NM polling places: <http://polling.sks.com/>



Parents Reaching Out

Noviembre 8
Grupo de Apoyo
10-12 pm

**Parents Reaching Out
Albuquerque**



November 9
Brain Injury Support Group Meeting
11-1 pm
DDPC Large Conference Room



November 9
NM SELL Meeting
10-11:30 am
Roswell



Parents Reaching Out

November 9
Social Opportunities and the Importance of Fun
5:30-8:00 pm
Albuquerque



Parents Reaching Out

November 10
Next Steps to Success
5-7 pm
Farmington



Parents Reaching Out

Noviembre 10
Grupo de Apoyo (En Espanol)
5-7 pm
Las Cruces



November 14
NM SELL Meeting
11:30-1:00 pm
Santa Fe



Parents Reaching Out

November 15
What is an IEP Meeting?
Parents Reaching Out
10:00-12:00 pm
Albuquerque



November 16
Brain Injury Support Group Meeting
11-1 pm
DDPC Large Conference Room



Parents Reaching Out

November 16
Native American Support Group
5-7 pm
EPICS & Parents Reaching Out



November 17
NM SELL Meeting
10-1 pm
Las Cruces



Parents Reaching Out

November 17
Parent Support Group
6:00-7:30 pm
Parents Reaching Out
Albuquerque



November 17
Self Advocacy Movement Conference Call
6-8 pm
From Gallup to everyone in the state
Contact Daniel Ekman at (505) 670-5698 or Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us for more information



November 17-18
NM LEND Legislative Advocacy Workshop
Albuquerque



November 17-18
Meeting with Gallup Self-Advocates from People First and Officer Training
Gallup
Contact Daniel Ekman at (505) 670-5698 or Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us for more information



November 23
Brain Injury Support Group Meeting
11-1 pm
DDPC Large Conference Room



The DDPC is having an Open House on
Monday, **November 28 at 3pm.**
Please plan to join us!



November 30
Brain Injury Support Group Meeting
11-1 pm
DDPC Large Conference Room



November 30
NM SELL Meeting
1-2:30 pm
Santa Fe

Disability News & Upcoming Events

Contact Daniel to include your news and events



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



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.



Save the Date - 2017 Disability Rights Awareness Day

2017 Disability Rights Awareness Day will be on February 23 and February 24

The event is sponsored and funded by the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

The event is being organized by The Disability Coalition which includes: The Arc of New Mexico, Disability Rights New Mexico, the Independent Living Resource Center, New Vistas, and the New Mexico Governor's Commission on Disability and the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

Click [here](#) for more information



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

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

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

or 505-841-4571.

and even trained Mental Health Treatment Guardians. [Learn more about the essentials here.](#)

others are supported by federal and state funding [Learn more here.](#)



[Visit us and learn more!](#)

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