



"CALLING ALL ADVOCATES" October 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](#).



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



CSA Outreach Update - October

- Gave a presentation to a Santa Fe Public School parent's group at the B.F. Young Building on September 9.
- Gave a Stop The R-Word presentation took place at a UNM Special Education Class on September 9.

- Daniel Ekman was a guest speaker at the *Changing Seasons, Changing Lives* fundraiser hosted by **The Arc of San Juan County** on September 26.
- Gave a presentation on Traumatic Brain Injury to staff at **Twin Buttes High School** in **Zuni Pueblo**.
- Staff members helped complete a statewide self-advocacy plan as a participant in a **Southwest Alliance for Technical Assistance** grant team from New Mexico.
- Began collaboration with **Parents Reaching Out** on a self-advocacy training presentation that will be given on October 14 at **The Arc of Southern New Mexico** in Anthony, NM.
- Staff will be active at the **Southwest Conference on Disability** as both exhibitors and presenters.
- Staff will present at the first **Partners in Policymaking** seminar on the afternoon of October 22.
- For more information on how to request presentations or trainings, see the program updates section.

Fun Activity/Fact of the Month



Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta - October 3-11

- Come see hot air balloons, live music, flying competitions, fireworks and laser light shows
- The event has morning sessions every morning and evening sessions every evening except for the evenings of October 5, 6, 7 and 11.
- For all event information, go to <http://www.balloonfiesta.com/#>



October 6 - 9, 2015

- **The Southwest Conference on Disability** is just around the corner.
- The program is available on the website.
- [Click Here](#) for more information.



October 7-8 - Albuquerque Convention Center

- **The New Mexico Technology Assistance Program** is holding their *Assistive Technology Showcase* in the Apache Room at the Southwest Conference on Disability,
- The **Albuquerque Convention Center** is located at 401 2nd St. NW Albuquerque, NM 87102
- The event goes from 8:00-5:00 each day.
- [Click here](#) for more information.



Self-Advocacy and People First Statewide Meeting - October 8

- **The Arc of New Mexico** is hosting a statewide gathering at the Southwest Conference on Disability at 5 pm
- **People First** and other self-advocacy organizations are invited
- The event will be held in the *Apache Room* at the **Albuquerque Convention Center**
- This event is an opportunity to network with self-advocates from around the state



Job Fair in Las Cruces - October 7

- **The New Mexico Department of Vocational Rehabilitation** will be hosting a job fair on October 7 at the **Las Cruces Convention Center** at 680 E. University
- The event will last from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- For more information, call 575-524-6135
- For the event flyer, [click here](#)





Special Education Clinic in Santa Fe October 13, 2015

- This clinic will be held at the *Yucca Room* at the **B.F. Young Complex** in Santa Fe
- The complex is located at 1300 Camino Sierra Vista in Santa Fe.
- This event is co-sponsored by **Parents Reaching Out** and **Disability Rights New Mexico**.
- The IEP Process, IDEA laws and regulations, and advocacy and communication strategies are the topics that will be covered
- For more information, contact Parents Reaching Out at 1-800-524-5176 or 505-247-0192

Recent DDPC COUNCIL News

The Program Committee of the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council NEEDS **YOUR INPUT** on the priorities for the next 5 years.

Please take a couple of minutes and complete the survey and email it to:

Barbara.ibanez@state.nm.us or mail to: Barbara Ibanez, DDPC, 625 Silver Ave. SW Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

[Click here](#) for the survey.

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](#)

Keep Interim Committees in Mind

Currently, there are many Interim Committees that cover a wide range of issues such as *Education, Finance, Jobs, Criminal Justice, Economic Policy, Oversight and Natural Resources*.

- For example, one of the important committees for people with disabilities is the **Disability Concerns Subcommittee**, which is currently chaired by Senator Nancy Rodriguez and features nine members. To keep track of this specific committee, go to http://nmlegis.gov/lcs/committee_detail.aspx?CommitteeCode=DISC



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 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

See the federal program of the month section article for an example of the innovative and unique programs that are a part of the **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.](#)

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