

NEW MEXICO  
Developmental Disabilities  
Planning Council

# 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



## Andrea Nicole MacRae

Before I turned two, my parents were told by doctors I would not live past 6 months and if I did I would never walk or talk. Well they were wrong! From 15 months on, I have lived with all these diagnosis:

hypothalamic & right optic nerve chiasmal glioma, extensive multicystic brain tumors, total blindness on left with visual impairment on right – acuity: 20/400, hydrocephalus with right sided installed VP shunt, unstable gait with left hemiparesis from a pediatric stroke.

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I am a 24 year old single female with Neurofibromatosis (NF) Type 1, medically stable. I love and care a lot for dogs & cats. I am extremely knowledgeable in the field of Country Music and I am a great Nascar Auto Racing Fan. I live at home with my dad as always and my mom has always been close by. I went to school in Chaparral & Anthony in NM.; spending most of that time in an inclusionary setting. I was lucky to have Gadsden Independent School District (GISD) employ for me a Braille instructor, who was also blind, she was driven to school from El Paso, TX everyday for 8 years.

In 2004 I graduated from High School doing my last two years at the School for Blind (NMSVH) in Alamogordo. While there I worked in the summer and during the school year under a work study program at KRSY a country radio station- took phone request, played request on air, help create and assist in implementing daily contest on air. Also at NMSVH, I worked part time as a Braille proofreader and switchboard operator. In Jan.2005, I started my new job as a project assistant from a grant with the Arc of NM in Anthony. While working for Arc, I became a Disability Advocate, that job ended last Sept.

During my time at school, not all was great. Educators have had good intentions but if those intentions are not supported you have no education. That was when my dad found out about Parents Reaching Out (PRO). That was the beginning of becoming empowered with advocacy with in the school system. He attended the Arc's Partners in Policy Making, later serving on the PRO, Arc of NM, and GISD Boards. He also still serves on the NM IDEA Advisory Panel, a past chair and most recent with DDPC's Grassroots Project.

I also followed his footsteps learning about self advocacy and self determination. I am now currently a member of DDPC's Council & on the Center for Self Advocacy Advisory Council.

I also serve on the NM Statewide Transition Coordinating Council and NM DVR's Technology Assistance Program.

What I have learned from all of my life's experience is simply that in life you never give up! That you always try your best, live a good moral life and good will follow! Thank-you for allowing me to tell some of my life story.





With our nation fraught with war, economic recession, environmental threats and societal terrors, it is with tremendous gratitude that I serve with those who remain connected to the fundamental humanity of us all and work to further the civil rights of people with disabilities.

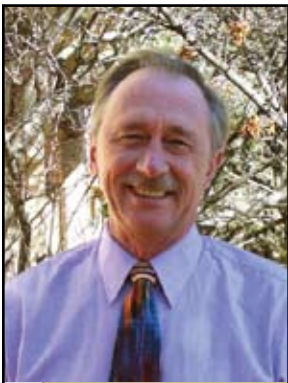
During frequent communication with advocates around the country, I am honored to speak as a citizen of New Mexico, where we have made tremendous strides towards helping people with disabilities create the lives of their choosing.

As the chairperson of the NM Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, I am proud that this varied group of people unites to regularly further our goals of systems change, advocacy, and capacity building. We have spent the past year working to increase the direct care workforce capacity, make community opportunities such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters fully inclusive, and enhance the communication of people concerned about issues related to disabilities with policymakers at local, state and federal levels. We devote resources to improve education, early intervention, employment, health, housing, and recreation. This is only possible because of the passionate dedication of Council members and staff, and I want to take this time to thank you all. You are the people who give me hope.

Our legislators support the Council's efficacy with the funding they allocate. We owe them our sincere appreciation for ensuring we can accomplish all we do. However, when you read the following pages, keep in mind we have a chance to do even more. For instance, the federal Developmental Disabilities Act is up for reauthorization, bringing with it the possibility for the laws to reflect the true and equal value of all members of society. There are neighbors who can benefit from simple acts of compassion. And there are leagues of opportunity in every choice we make to do what is right. Each of us can make a difference; please continue contributing your best to a fair, healthy, and humane world.

Respectfully,

Althea McLuckie, Chairperson, NMDDPC



Greetings:

It has been a very productive year for the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (NMDDPC). This annual report will provide details on our various activities and accomplishments. These activities and accomplishments are the result of excellent Council members, dedicated staff, committed disability partners, and a supportive administration and legislature.

I wish to thank the Governor and Legislature for their support and ask for their continued assistance as we move forward providing equal opportunities for our citizens with disabilities.

I would like to express sincere appreciation for the comment and dedication of our partners in the disability community, including but not limited to People First, NM Protection & Advocacy, Center for Development and Disability, New Mexico Arc, the Independent Living Centers, community providers and so many more to whom I apologize for not mentioning.

Ms. Althea McLuckie, DDPC Chair, has lead an excellent group of dedicated Council members to increased involvement and advocacy through her tireless efforts and steadfast commitment. There are over twenty federally-funded activities, selected by the Council members, and implemented during the past year. These included activities that develop self-determination, community integration and self-advocacy in health care, education, formal and informal community supports that have had a positive impact throughout our state.

Last, but in no way least, my sincere appreciation goes to the NMDDPC agency staff. They have worked unremittingly to implement new programs while maintaining a very high level of performance, productivity, compassion and commitment to the people we serve.

Winston Churchill once said, "Never, never, never, never give up." So we approach this year continuing to appreciate our small victories and working together to further the cause of self-determination and inclusion.

Pat Putnam

Executive Director, DDPC

## FFY 2007 Annual Report

### What are Development Disabilities Councils?



New Mexico is one of the 55 states and territories that have Developmental Disabilities Councils. These Councils were created in 1970 with the passage of the federal Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act. The Act has been in place since, with the most recent reauthorization in 2001. The purpose of Developmental Disability Councils is to undertake advocacy, capacity building and systems change activities that support a system of culturally competent services and supports that are directed by and centered on persons with developmental disabilities and their families. The intent of these activities is to increase independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities. Emphasis is placed upon supports that will allow participation in the design of and access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life, through culturally competent programs. At least 60% of the members of a Council are persons with developmental disabilities or family members or guardians of persons with developmental disabilities.

### What does advocacy, capacity building and systems change mean?

**Advocacy** means: Supporting and defending a cause; standing up for the rights of persons with developmental disabilities

**Capacity Building** means: Supporting projects that result in long-term, sustainable benefit for the DD community (not direct services)

**Systems Change**: Changing/improving the systems that serve and affect persons with developmental disabilities and their families

### What is the New Mexico Developmental Disability Planning Council?

Council Members, appointed by the Governor, work with staff to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities in New Mexico. The Council's goal is to identify the supports needed by children and adults with disabilities and to advocate for the quality and availability of those supports. Self-Advocates and families work with the Council to improve independence, productivity and integration of people with developmental disabilities. The Council does not provide direct services but acts as a planning and coordinating body for New Mexicans with disabilities.

### What are developmental disabilities?

Developmental disabilities are severe, chronic disabilities attributable to mental and/or physical impairment, which manifest before age 22 and are likely to continue indefinitely. They result in substantial limitations in three or more areas: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency, as well as the continuous need for individually planned and coordinated services.

(Administration on Developmental Disabilities Fact Sheet <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/Factsheet.htm>)



# Developmental Disabilities Planning Council

## *Mission Statement:*

The New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (NMDDPC) is committed to supporting a consumer-driven service delivery system that improves the independence, productivity and integration of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of life and community.

NMDDPC will engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systems change activities:

To contribute to a culturally competent and coordinated system of community services, individualized supports and other forms of assistance that are individual and family-centered and directed, and

To enable individuals with disabilities to exercise self-determination, be independent, productive and integrated and included in all facets of community life.

During Federal Fiscal Year 2007 (October 1, 2006-September 30, 2007), the NMDDPC consisted of 31 Governor appointed members. The members included persons with developmental disabilities, family members, guardians, and representatives of advocacy, community-based and state agencies. In addition to active participation during the legislative session and across the year regarding legislative and policy-making activities, the NMDDPC funded a number of projects addressing the following federal areas of emphasis: employment, education and early intervention, child care, housing, quality assurance, and community supports.

## **Legislation and Policy-Making Activities FY 2007**

The NMDDPC is active in state-level policy making and legislative activities. Through collaboration with our disability community partners, individual efforts of Council Members and Council funded projects, the following legislative actions and appropriations were enacted:

- \$5.0 million to reduce the Developmentally Disabled waiver waiting list;
- \$1.0 million to the Family Infant, Toddler Program;
- \$2.4 million was appropriated to DD waiver providers, \$13.0 to all Medicaid providers;
- \$5.0 million was allocated for Developmental Disability Waiver providers;
- \$69.0 million in funding increases was awarded to Medicaid's base budget;
- \$4.1 million for evaluations, professional and parent training, services to children with autism and the development and operation of a new autism service center;
- \$600,000 for guardianship services through the DDPC Office of Guardianship;
- Scholarships for students with disabilities authorizes the Higher Education Department to develop a scholarship program for students with disabilities attending public colleges and universities in New Mexico. The scholarships would be up to \$1,000 per semester. There is no money in the fund yet, so no scholarships will be awarded this year; and
- Lottery Scholarships for Students with Disabilities: allows part-time schedules and/or more time to complete a degree as accommodations for students with disabilities who otherwise qualify for Lottery Scholarships.

## Current Developmental Disability Planning Council Staff

Patrick W. Putnam,  
Executive Director

Karen Peterson,  
Deputy Director

Rosemarie Ortiz,  
Program Planner

Bernadette LeRouge,  
Policy Planner

Meriam Jawhar,  
Outreach Coordinator

Eveline Baier,  
Chief Financial Officer

Justin Moore,  
Office Manager

Cindy Smith,  
Financial Specialist



## Developmental Disability Planning Council Members in 2007

### Self-Advocates

Andrea MacRae, Chaparral  
Katie Klauchie, Albuquerque  
Estevan Maestas, Springer  
Marilyn Martinez,  
Albuquerque  
Matthew Heady, Roswell  
Judy Ann Sena, Las Vegas  
Colin Holmes, Santa Fe

### Parents/Guardians

Phoenix Simpson, Cedar  
Crest  
Terri McCaslin, Albuquerque  
Althea McLuckie, Taos  
Nadine Maes, Rio Rancho  
Denise Balderas,  
Albuquerque  
Dianne Griego, Albuquerque  
Angelique P. Thompson,  
Albuquerque  
Dolores Harden, Farmington  
Victoria Romero, Maxwell  
Adrienne Shije, Zia Pueblo  
Elizabeth Thomson,  
Albuquerque



# FFY 2007 Outcomes and Performance Measures

## Health

*Goal: An accessible health care system with adequately trained personnel, which appropriately responds to individual needs and supports individual wellness*

Objective: To build a sustainable, sufficient, qualified, direct-care work force.

### Direct Care Workers Group

In FFY 2007, the NMDDPC held several meetings with stakeholders to define a plan to establish a Direct Care Workers Group. A lead person was chosen to build a network of direct care support workers. Organizational meetings will occur in the upcoming year.

Objective: To insure that wellness, from a disability social cultural perspective is incorporated into the health care system.

### Human Sexuality Training

NMDDPC, in collaboration with the Department of Health's Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD), held trainings for over 125 individuals on Peer Model Sexuality. Currently the *Friends Curriculum* Self-Advocate Training Module is being used to train self-advocates to be leaders and role models for the ongoing *Friends Curriculum* classes and outreach presentations. The project involves self-advocates who are trained in friendship and relationship courses. Once a self-advocate completes the training they then act as role models for peers who attend the human sexuality and/or relationship courses. The project has proven to be beneficial to self-advocates as independence and self-esteem are fostered.

Objective: To promote quick access from the application process to the provision of goods and services.

### Streamline DD Waiver Services

NMDDPC, in collaboration with the Department of Health's Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD), contracted a study to review the processes and procedures of DD Waiver central registry timeframes from notification of slot availability to receipt of services. The Central Registry System was found to be substantially in compliance with the Lewis et al, lawsuit decisions regarding "allocating places in the Waivers to registrants on the DD Waiver Central Registry, as soon as the funds to support those places are available" and by "determining a participant's eligibility for the DD Waiver services within 90 days of allocation of funds; and providing waiver services within 90 days after determining eligibility." The average time to complete both of these processes was found to be 60 to 70 days. An action plan, based on additional recommendations to improve the process, has been enacted by DDSD.

Objective: To support the systems change necessary to allow expansion of services to underserved populations.

### Dual Diagnosis Project

During FFY 2007, the NMDDPC continued to participate on a cross-agency administrative and advisory group addressing needs and services of persons with developmental disabilities and mental illness. The group was involved in implementing a pilot project in a rural community to train medical and behavioral health professionals regarding best practices in evaluating and treating persons with developmental disabilities and mental illness. The NMDDPC provided funding to write and disseminate a best

practices handbook. The NMDDPC is continuing to fund additional pilot sites. Manuals were disseminated and are available upon request.

## Education and Early Intervention

*Goal: A comprehensive educational system that meets the needs of the students and assist students in reaching their potential*

Objective: All students have fully developed IEPs and receive all services and assistance as outlined in the IEP.

### IEP Clinics

The NMDDPC is working with the Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (P&A) to provide outreach to parents of children in special education programs. This project will conduct special education clinics that will include an overview training plus individual consultation with students or parents of students in special education. P&A will provide individual advocacy in cases that are related to the failure to implement Individual Educational Program (IEP's) and that provide significant potential for systemic change. P&A will also provide for systemic approaches to improving the delivery of special education services, which may include a group complaint process for submittal to the Public Education Department, an organization consisting of parents that meet with local school boards, or give support to others providing special education advocacy.

Objective: To improve transition throughout the lifespan of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

### Life-Span Transition Project

The NMDDPC is working with the Center for Development and Disability (CDD) to create a pilot project with a vision of educating and empowering families to navigate the relevant support systems needed for their children with developmental disabilities, to make successful transitions from birth to adulthood. CDD has recruited, selected and prepared four parent advocates in two selected communities. Our goal is to create and implement a systematic process to support families and their children, and promote smooth and effective lifespan transitions.

### Quality Assurance

*Goal: Increase the number of self-advocates trained and active in self-advocacy activities and organizations*

Objective: To increase the number of Native American People First Chapters and to increase the number of self-advocates trained and prepared to take advocacy leadership roles throughout the state.

### Native American People First

The NMDDPC is in collaboration with the Center for Self Advocacy (CSA) and the Arc of New Mexico to coordinate the formation of at least four Native American People First Chapters located on at least one Reservation and at least three Pueblos. Once the potential members have been identified, barriers facing each potential People First Chapter will be outlined and practical solutions will be compiled. The goal of the project is to provide assistance to the potential People First Chapters through the initial stages of the project's life. The newly formed Native American People First Chapters will receive assistance in developing leadership and community involvement skills for its members. The CSA will provide training to the members in areas such as Leadership, Sitting on

## State Agency Members

Pam Hyde, Secretary  
Department of Human  
Services: designee, Larry  
Heyek

Michelle Lujan-Grisham,  
Secretary Department of  
Health: designee Mikki  
Rogers

Debbie Armstrong,  
Secretary Aging &  
Long Term Services  
Department: designee  
Doyle Smith

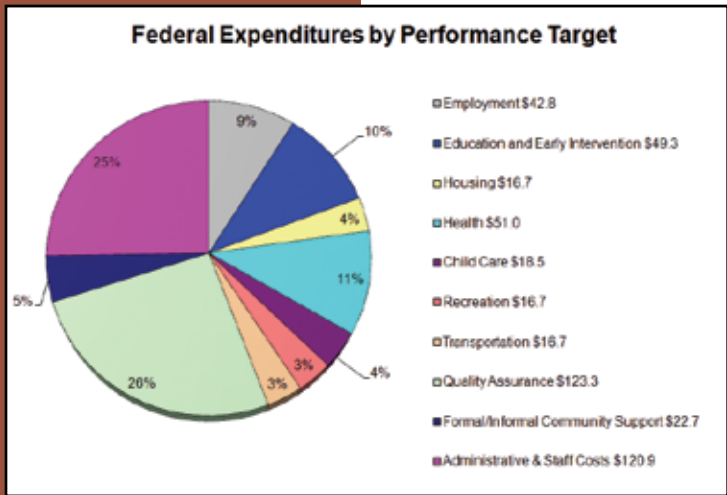
Dorian Dodson, Secretary  
Children Youth and  
Families Department:  
designee Dan Harris

Denise Koscielniak,  
Director, Public Education  
Department, Special  
Education Office

Gary Beene, Director,  
Public Education Dept.,  
Division of Vocational  
Rehabilitation: designee  
Richard Jiron

Benny Shendo, Secretary,  
Department of Indian  
Affairs: designee  
Christina Stick





Boards and Committees and other topics of interest. Once these People First Chapters have been established, the identity of other potential areas for Native American People First Chapters on pueblos and reservations will be researched.

**Center for Self-Advocacy**

Over the past year, the NMDDPC has relocated the Center for Self-Advocacy to its own office location where individuals with developmental disabilities congregate to develop training modules and practice their presentation skills so that they may then travel state-wide to present these modules to other individuals with developmental disabilities. See page 12 for more information on the activities of the Center for Self-Advocacy program.

**Criminal Justice Wallet Cards**

The NMDDPC printed and distributed an additional 2000 wallet-size cards with simplified Miranda Rights language. The cards were developed to be used by persons with cognitive disabilities when they interact with law enforcement.

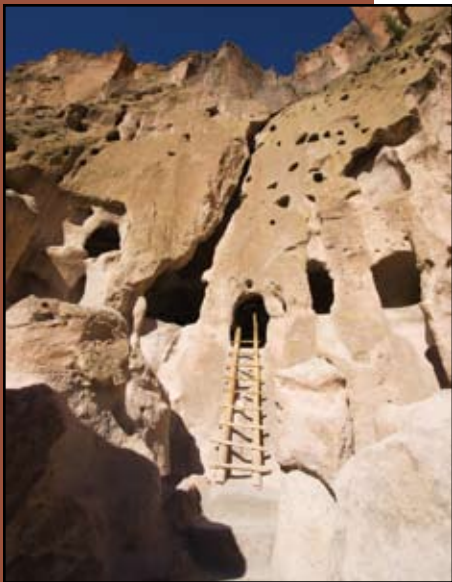
**Self-Advocates Advisory Council (SAAC)**

The NMDDPC funded the operation and administrative support of the Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee through the Arc of New Mexico. SAAC consists of 100% self-advocates and is charged with educating and advising the Department of Health regarding issues affecting persons with developmental disabilities and their families. SAAC hosted a statewide summit in April 2007. This conference was set to increase economic and social equality for people with disabilities. Employment, future planning, neglect and exploitation, and the self-directed waiver were some of the several topics discussed during this conference. Seventy-four people received training and information on employment, community inclusion, neglect and exploitation and the self-directed waiver program.

**Formal and Informal Community Supports**

*Goal: Develop supports that encourage and facilitate full participation of individuals and family members in all aspects of community life.*

Objective: To adequately provide access to consistent, current, correct and user-friendly information about all available services.



**Information Center for New Mexicans with Disabilities/Babynet**

Information Center for New Mexicans with Disabilities/Babynet (Info Center) is another NMDDPC funded project. The Info Center is a statewide, clearinghouse that provides information services to New Mexicans regarding disability issues, resources and contacts. It is housed at the Center for Development and Disability (CDD) and during FY07, over 3,000 people received information about disabilities, services and programs through the Information Center/Babynet.

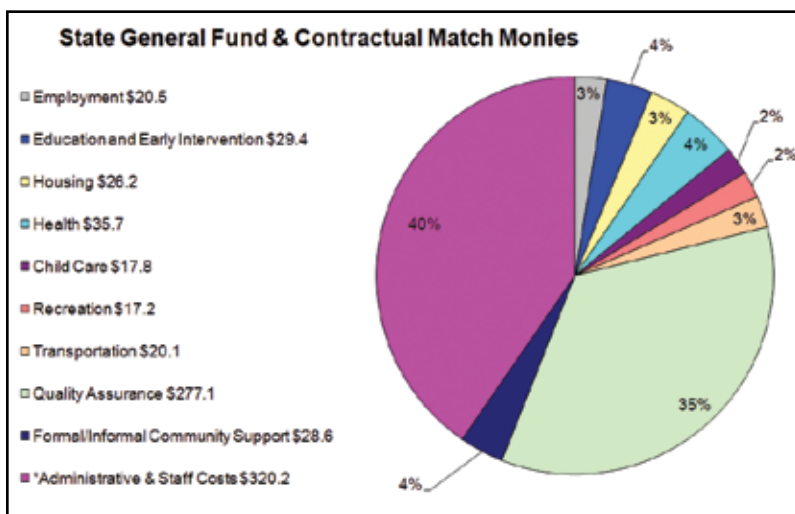
The info Center is a collaborative effort between the NMDDPC and the CDD. The Info Center is coordinated with the CDD LEND library, housed at the CDD. In addition, NMDDPC funded and collaborated with the Native American Protection and Advocacy (NAPAP) to develop and print a Navajo Disability Resource Manual. The DDPC also funded an Assistive Technology Directory in conjunction with the CDD. Both of these resources are updated and integrated into the Info Center databases for ready access.

## Regional Public Input Meetings

NMDDPC continues to hold public forums across the state to inform the public of NMDDPC activities and to solicit input regarding systems issues affecting persons with developmental disabilities and their families. In collaboration with the Arc of New Mexico, NMDDPC held five public forums in FY07. The forums were held in Hobbs, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Socorro and Tucumcari. Eighty-six people attended the forums. The feedback was tallied and will be presented to NMDDPC members to assist in the evaluation of the NMDDPC's current Five Year Plan.

## In-State Family and Self-Advocates Conference Stipends

During FY 2007, the NMDDPC provided funding to in-state agencies that held conferences addressing issues affecting persons with developmental disabilities and their families. People with disabilities and their family members were able to attend conferences conducted by the Albuquerque Public Schools, the Arc of NM, the Center for Development and Disability, and the Southwest Conference on Disability.



Through a partnership with The Arc of New Mexico, NMDDPC also provided stipends for persons with developmental disabilities and family members to attend Freedom Day/ Disability Awareness Day during the legislative session and to participate in the legislative process. Approximately 250 people were trained and active in systems advocacy regarding health care issues.

## Guardianship Study - House Joint Memorial 34

The House Joint Memorial 34 directed NMDDPC to convene a task force to explore issues related to guardianship of adults. The Task Force was directed to "review the processes by which guardians of adults are appointed, trained, supervised, and reviewed under the Uniform Probate Code." The Task Force was required to consider potential statutory or regulatory changes, training requirements, identifications, dissemination of best practices, and other recommendations that would improve New Mexico's system for qualifications, appointment, and oversight of guardians of adults with limited capacity. The Task Force findings are available upon request through the Office of Guardianship.

Objective: To increase participation of people with disabilities and family members in decision-making bodies concerning development, implementation and evaluation of services and programs.

## Southwest Conference on Disabilities Stipends

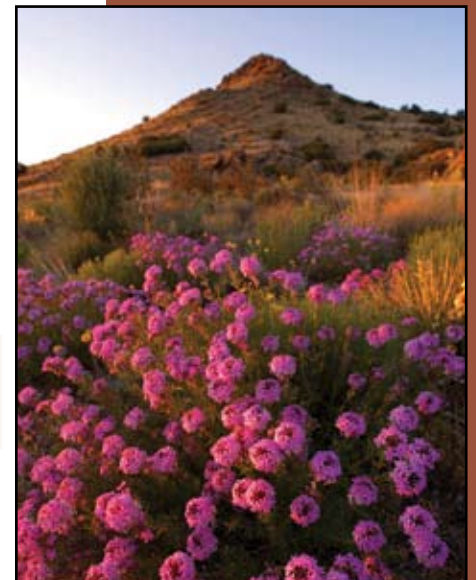
The NMDDPC collaborates with the Center for Development and Disability and

## DD Network and Other Stakeholders

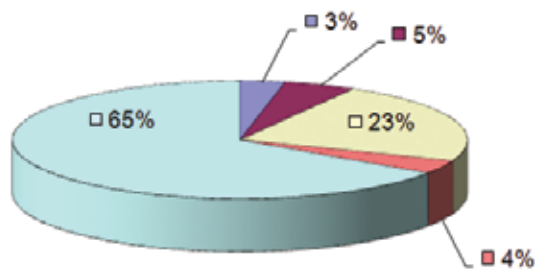
James Jackson, Director,  
Protection and Advocacy

Catherine McClain, MD,  
Director, University of  
New Mexico Center for  
Development & Disability

Denise McGhee, Eastern  
New Mexico University



### Total Agency Expenditures by Program



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|---|-----------|
| Brain Injury Advisory Council               | \$111.5   |
| Center for Self-Advocacy                    | \$179.3   |
| Developmental Disabilities Planning Council | \$788.8   |
| Information Center                          | \$132.6   |
| Office of Guardianship                      | \$2,294.8 |

annually awards stipends for the Southwest Conference on Disability. The 2007 conference was held on October 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> at the Albuquerque Convention Center. The theme for the conference was *Reaching Out and Taking Charge: Promoting Independent Living in the Community*. There were 535 attendees from 18 states and three countries who attended the conference.

### The Disability Coalition and Freedom Day

NMDDPC and the Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., provided the majority of funding for the Disability Coalition. The Disability Coalition developed and presented materials and recommendations to administrative & legislative committees on disability issues and the State Medicaid system. The Disability Coalition is comprised of NM Protection and Advocacy, Governor's Commission on Disabilities, Independent Living Resource Centers, ARC of New Mexico and NMDDPC. The Coalition's principal focus is educating legislators and addressing the importance of fully funding programs for persons with disabilities.

Objective: To enhance social networks for adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Mexico Project

The NMDDPC is working with the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Northern New Mexico to develop a Pilot Project incorporating persons with developmental disabilities into the BBBS network to work with Big Brothers or Big Sisters in the community. A strategic plan, mentoring guidelines, facilities and assessment guidelines, a marketing plan, training modules, enrollment and match support models and training content units have been developed and are being refined. The initial implementation of the project is to take off in June of 2008. Matching of self-advocates and Big Brothers and Sisters within the BBBS network is being conducted currently.

### Cross Cutting

Goal: *Perform activities that impact all areas of emphasis.*

Objective: Develop a Grass-Roots Network to increase advocacy, conduct local needs assessments and develop state-level advocacy efforts to address all areas of federal emphasis.

### Grassroots Network Project

In FFY 2007 NMDDPC implemented a Grassroots Information Network Project with four objectives in mind:

- to form a communication conduit to inform Council members on statewide issues,
- to inform local communities of opportunities for training and information concerning persons with disabilities and their families,
- to assist in organizing local communities to address issues regarding persons with disabilities in their local communities,
- to mobilize people with disabilities and their families to participate in the development of policies, regulations and statutes impacting the lives of persons with disabilities and their families.



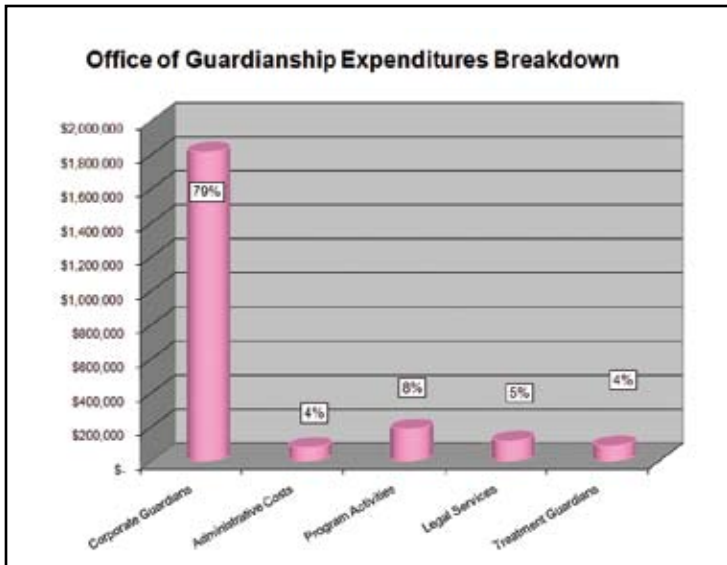
# Office of Guardianship

## Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Guardianship Program is to provide guardianship services to income and resource eligible mentally incapacitated persons over the age of eighteen (18) years

## Motto:

Guardianship should be the last resort and then ONLY as necessary to promote and to protect the well being of the person and should be designed to encourage the development of maximum self-reliance and independence.



**The Office of Guardianship provides three basic services:**

**Mental Health Treatment Guardians** - Through contracts with the New Mexico chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), and with Tierra Alta, treatment guardians are recruited, trained and provided to the courts

to assist individuals in complying with mental health treatment plans. In FY 07, over 329 treatment guardians were assigned and performed their duties with no formal complaints.

**Guardianship Legal Services** - Through 23 contracts with attorneys and professionals the Office of Guardianship provided assistance with 141 guardianship cases in FY-2007. Guardian Ad Litem, Petitioning Attorneys and Court Visitors provide guardianship legal services to eligible individuals and families to assist them in the guardianship process. These professionals are required to, first, find any family member or friend who is willing and qualified to serve as guardian and to assure that the least restrictive oversight is awarded.

**Corporate Guardianship** - Through contracts with over 12 Private Guardianship providers, the Office of Guardianship serves over 512 corporate wards. "Corporate Guardianship" is a term used for the individuals who have no one to look after them and have no resources to pay a private firm to handle their affairs. These individuals are sometimes referred to as "wards of the state."

The Office of Guardianship also conducts ongoing training for families, schools, other agencies, lawyers, judges and others to increase the use of least restrictive alternatives to Guardianship and to use limited Guardianship whenever possible.

The office also conducts ongoing Compliance reviews of all contractors to assure the safety and security of the program participants and adherence to all laws and statutes.

## Current Office of Guardianship Staff

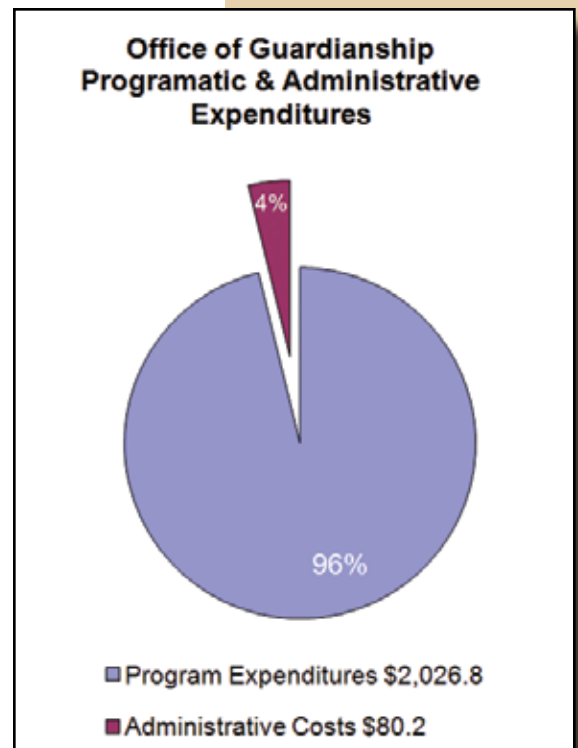
**Frank Fajardo, Manager**

**Vacant, Attorney**

**Julie Molina, Compliance Officer**

**Christopher Rowland, Compliance Officer**

**Mercy Gonzales-Clay, Secretary**



## Current Center for Self-Advocacy Staff

Connie De Herrera,  
Coordinator

Philip With,  
Self-Advocate Trainer

Laura Matthews,  
Self-Advocate Trainer

Francisco Montoya,  
Project Assistant

Theresa Priest,  
Project Assistant

## Center for Self Advocacy

### *Mission Statement:*

*The Center for Self-Advocacy serves as a hub for self-advocacy for citizens statewide to facilitate the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities in the community and development of self-determination skills.*



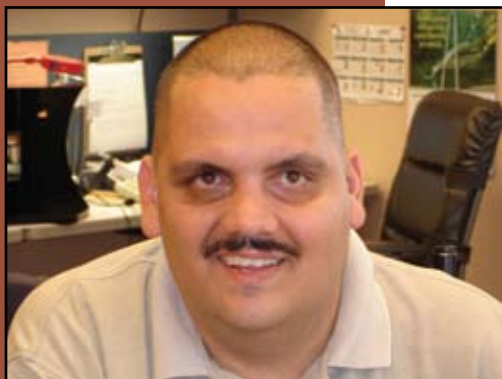
The New Mexico Center for Self-Advocacy was created to provide a place where persons with disabilities can network with others in the community, locate resources and develop self-advocacy skills to promote independent life skills. Advocates continue to enhance their skills through group instruction and discussions as well as direct hands-on experiences. These advocates set out to get involved in boards, committees, focus groups as well as councils in their communities which deal with disability-related issues. Advocates understand that in order to improve policies and rules of system delivery, they must become leaders in their communities and get involved in the decision-making processes.



During FFY 2007, the Center has continued its relationship with the University of New Mexico Special Education program and developed five additional training modules. There are currently 38 Self-advocates who have participated in the development of peer-training modules and 20 training modules. Five trainings and presentations were conducted during the year resulting in over 150 self-advocates being trained across the state and nationally. Self-advocates have begun to take positions on various boards and commissions as well as to use their skills to seek employment and to provide guidance to others.

The Center will be implementing a youth mentorship program in collaboration with Albuquerque Public Schools. Several self-advocate mentors will work with Adult Centered Community Education and Support Services (ACCESS) students for five weeks during this summer in teaching the students about their rights, self-advocacy, creating change, leadership and accessing community resources. In the fall, the Center will be bringing mentors to the classroom at various high schools around town to teach students the same topics.

The Center is also in the process of acquiring a Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) Volunteer who will work with the self-advocates in developing new classes and on the youth mentorship program. In addition, some of the self-advocates will be involved with the 2008 Southwest Conference on Disability, both as volunteers and presenters.



# Brain Injury Advisory Council

## **Mission Statement:**

*To advocate for the development of a statewide system of comprehensive, community based resources that will maximize the personal choices and functional independence of persons with brain injuries, and to promote prevention.*



The *Brain Injury Advisory Council website* has been constructed and completed. [www.nmbiac.com](http://www.nmbiac.com)

During the 2007 legislative session, the *Children's Helmet Safety Act* was passed and signed into law. The law is one of the most comprehensive in the country. A marketing team comprised of representatives from Dept of Transportation, Dept of Health, UNMH and the Brain Injury Advisory Council are working with a local marketing firm to develop and implement a marketing plan for the new law. A press conference was held on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2007 with Lt Gov Diane Denish as the primary speaker that launched the campaign.

The marketing team developed products that include a Public Service Announcement and a screen-saver using the 3-D animated character, "the thinker," that will be distributed to schools, libraries and children throughout the state. Stickers, pamphlets, posters using local sports teams, and an on line micro-site was developed to provide materials for download and print to communities statewide. The DOH has secured funding to purchase helmets to give away and other donations from private entities are currently being sought.

A *Veteran, Brain Injury Summit* was held in August in Santa Fe to bring together state, federal and local entities that support people with brain injuries and veterans to determine who does what, how we can work together and identify what gaps in services and supports exist for the veterans returning with brain injuries. The outcomes included identification of ongoing partners, systemic needs and gaps and began a discussion to identify legislative needs. The summit was co-sponsored with the Department of Veteran Services. Participants included representatives from: the VA, the National Guard, Department of Veteran Services, ALTSD, the Mind Institute, BIA/NM, IHS Vet Center, National Service Officers, Dept of Labor, a chaplain, veterans with brain injury, and members of the current Brain Injury Leadership Training.

A small *public awareness campaign* was developed to increase public awareness about brain injury in the military. Three postcards introducing veterans and active military personnel with brain injuries have been designed and sent to legislators and key state administrators.

The Council continues to use the *documentary* it produced in 2006, "Every 21 seconds..." to increase public awareness about brain injury. The film has been distributed statewide, and continues to be an effective tool to meet performance measures.



## Current Brain Injury Advisory Council Members in 2007

### *Persons with brain injury and/or family Member*

Cathy Salazar, Albuquerque  
Barry Green, Santa Fe  
Beverly Francisco-James, Rio Rancho  
Joe Zamora, Silver City  
Ralph Frakes, Albuquerque  
Meriam Jawhar, Santa Fe  
Barbara Zamora, Albuquerque  
Jane Ann Oldrup, Roswell  
Bryan Patterson, Santa Fe  
Karla Aguilar, Portales  
Jessica Guttman, Santa Fe  
Robert Love, Hobbs  
Joseph Lopez, Santa Fe

### *Professional Members*

Clara Holguin, Albuquerque, Brain Injury Association of NM  
Emily Mathias, Las Cruces, Sun Country Case Management  
Dr. Kathleen Padilla, Albuquerque, Veterans Administration Hospital  
Scott Pokorny, Santa Fe, Aging and Long Term Services Department  
Michael Shaughnessy, Clovis, Eastern NM University  
Kay Giles, Albuquerque, retired special education teacher  
Tom Trujillo, Taos, Department of Health  
Dr. Steven Glover, Indian Health Service

## Current Brain Injury Advisory Council Staff

Elizabeth Peterson, Coordinator

# Fiscal Year 2007 Financial Statement

## DDPC

| Category   | Federal          | State \$         | Total              |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Cost Categories- Areas of Emphasis</b>                |                  |                  |                    |
| Employment   | \$42,779         | \$20,542         | \$63,321           |
| Education and Early Intervention                         | \$49,379         | \$29,424         | \$78,803           |
| Housing  | \$16,658         | \$26,220         | \$42,878           |
| Health   | \$51,080         | \$35,672         | \$86,752           |
| Child Care   | \$18,517         | \$17,776         | \$36,293           |
| Recreation   | \$16,657         | \$17,194         | \$33,851           |
| Transportation   | \$16,657         | \$20,105         | \$36,762           |
| Quality Assurance  | \$123,360        | \$277,132        | \$400,492          |
| Formal/Informal Community Support                        | \$22,734         | \$28,613         | \$51,347           |
| General management (Personnel, Budget/Finance/Reporting) | \$120,897        | \$320,229        | \$441,126          |
| Functions of DSA   | \$0              | \$0              | \$0                |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$478,718</b> | <b>\$792,907</b> | <b>\$1,271,625</b> |

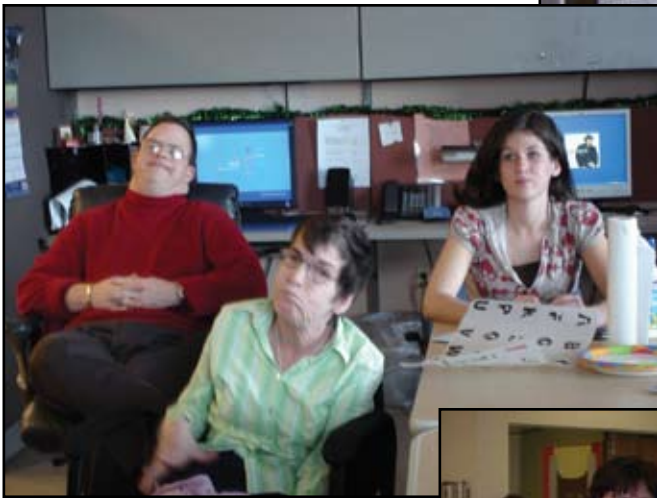
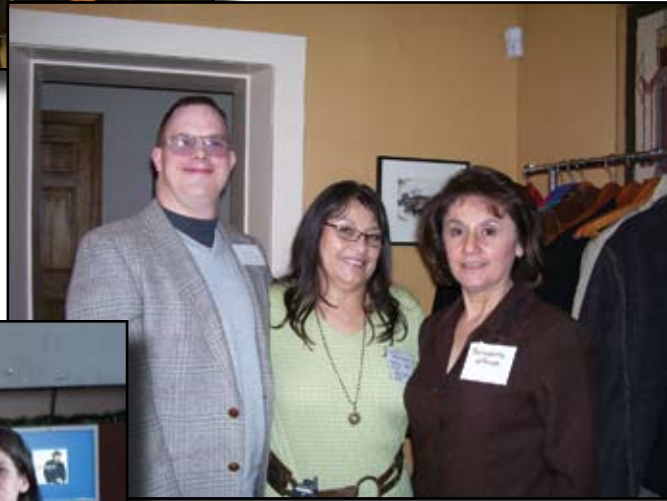
## AGENCY EXPENDITURES BROKEN DOWN BY PROGRAM

| Program                       | Total              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Brain Injury Advisory Council | \$111,493          |
| Center for Self Advocacy      | \$179,265          |
| DDPC                          | \$788,762          |
| Information Center            | \$132,590          |
| Office of Guardianship        | \$2,294,790        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$3,506,900</b> |

## OFFICE OF GUARDIANSHIP

| 2007 Office of Guardianship Expenditures |                    |             |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Corporate Guardians                      | \$1,816,840        | 79%         |
| Legal Services                           | \$ 118,052         | 5%          |
| Treatment Guardians                      | \$ 91,907          | 4%          |
| Program Activities                       | \$ 187,808         | 8%          |
| Administrative Costs                     | \$ 80,183.00       | 4%          |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$2,294,790</b> | <b>100%</b> |

| 2007 Office of Guardianship Program & Administrative Expenditures |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Administrative Costs  | \$80,183           |
| Program Expenditures  | \$2,026,799        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$2,106,982</b> |





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