



## CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ April 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.

**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 are from the United States Department of Health

and Human Services, Administration for Community Living/Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

One of the projects in the Federal Program funds a variety of **Native American Initiatives**. These organizations provide support, education and advocacy efforts to Native Americans with disabilities.

The Federal Program also funds **Partners in Policymaking**, a leadership training program administered by the [UNM Center for Development & Disability](#) (CDD). The mission of **Partners** is to create future leaders and advocates in the area of disabilities in New Mexico. The Center for Self Advocacy's Outreach Coordinator, Suzanne Kryder, just graduated in March 2017 from the **Partners** program.



## Center for Self Advocacy (CSA) Update:

The Center staff has been attending and supporting the **Know Your Rights Town Hall Meetings** for Advocates, Family Members and Guardians. They will support the last Town Hall in Silver City on April 3rd.

As directed by the Five-Year Plan, DDPC/CSA staff are conducting a 14-week pilot of the new **Advocate Leadership Academy**, a leadership development program for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities that began in March. The Academy Fellows are participating in designing events like the recent Side-by-Side Celebration (photos below), upcoming **Summit on Advocacy** and the **Summer Fun Series**.

For the **Advocate Leadership Academy**, apply by **June 1** for the next Academy class which begins in mid-July, [click here for the application](#).

March was Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month! In addition to sending out stories through social media like Facebook and Twitter, we emailed the stories to you each week. To celebrate this month, a Side-by-Side event was hosted by three organizations: [Disability Rights New Mexico](#), [UNM's Center for Development and Disability](#), and [DDPC](#).

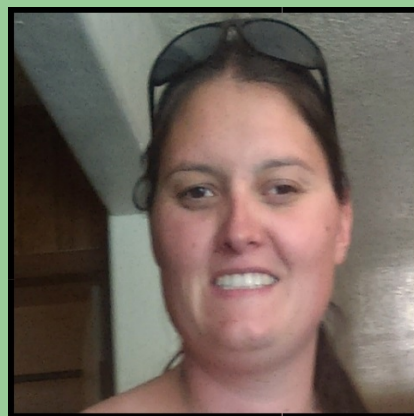


To learn more about and see the amazing accomplishments of project teams in the 2016 Fall Class, click [here](#).

To schedule outreach events conducted by CSA, contact Suzanne at 505-670-5698 or [Suzanne.kryder@state.nm.us](mailto:Suzanne.kryder@state.nm.us).

### FEATURED *DDPC Staff*

**Lindsay Sloan** is an Advocate Trainer with the Center for Self Advocacy at the DDPC. She has worked at the Center for Self Advocacy for 1 year, part time. She is 30-years old and grew up in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Lindsay enjoys sports, hiking and reading. Her goal in life is to empower people with disabilities to expect greatness from themselves and others and never be afraid to fight for equality.



### Legislative Reports from Disability Rights New Mexico

Jim Jackson writes a comprehensive report about disability issues in the New Mexico Legislature each week. Click on the report to access it.

[Report #7 for February 27-March 4, 2017](#)

[Report #8 for March 6-11, 2017](#)

[Report #9 for March 13-18, 2017](#)

[Post-session report, March 20, 2017](#)



## 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. More information about the project is [here](#).

## April Events Contact 505-670-5698 to include your upcoming events.



**April 5**  
*New Mexico Allies for Advocacy, Inc. BOARD MEETING*  
**5:30 - 6:00 pm Networking**  
**6:00 to 8:00 pm BOARD Meeting**  
**Albuquerque**  
**Call Daniel at 505-670-5698 for location and conference call information.**



**April 6**  
*Supporting Communication in Infants and Toddlers with ASD*  
**11:30pm-1:00 pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
**[More information.](#)**



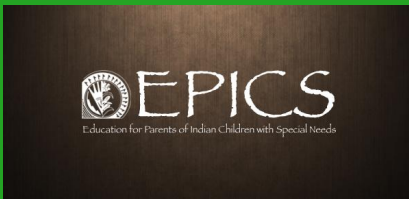
**April 6 & 7**  
*Social Engagement Workshop*  
**8:00am-5:00m**  
**Albuquerque**  
**[More information.](#)**



**April 7**  
*Customized Employment Strategies:  
From Discovery to Job Development*  
**9:00am-4:00pm**  
**Santa Fe**  
[More information.](#)



**April 7**  
*Customized Employment Strategies:  
From Discovery to Job Development*  
**9:00am-4:00pm**  
**Las Cruces**  
[More information.](#)



**April 12**  
*Transition: High School to College*  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



Parents Reaching Out

**April 13**  
*Record Keeping Workshop -  
Keeping it all Together KIAT*  
**2:00pm-4:00pm**  
**Gallup**  
[More information.](#)



**April 13**  
*Focus in ASD: Being Social in the Community*  
**6:00pm-7:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



Parents Reaching Out

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



**EPICS, Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**April 19 & 20**  
*Early Intervention Provider Workshop*  
**April 19, 1:00-4:00pm and April 20, 8:30am-3:30pm**  
**Tresco, Inc., Las Cruces**  
[More information.](#)



**April 20**  
*Job-ING*  
**5:30-7:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**April 20**  
*Focus in ASD: Completing a Path Vision*  
**6:00pm-7:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**Parents Reaching Out**

**April 20-21**  
*13th Annual Family Leadership Conference*  
**Albuquerque**

[Learn more.](#)  
[Brochure](#)  
[Scholarship application](#)



**April 21**  
*Customized Employment Strategies:  
From Discovery to Job Development*  
**9:00am-4:00pm**  
**Roswell**  
[More information.](#)

**New Mexico  
Autism Society**

**April 22**  
*Ellen Reavis Walk for Autism*  
**10:00am-1:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



**April 25 & 26**  
*Systematic Instruction Training*  
**8:30am-4:30pm**  
**Albuquerque**  
[More information.](#)



Parents Reaching Out

**April 26**  
*Supplemental Security Income*  
**2:00pm-4:00pm**  
**San Juan Center for Independence, Farmington**  
[More information.](#)



**April 27**  
*Transition: High School to College*  
**3:00pm-4:00pm**  
**Webinar**  
[More information.](#)



**April 27**  
*Parent to Parent Special Education Workshop*  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**  
**Gallup**  
[More information.](#)



**April 28**  
*School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting*  
**3:00pm-4:30pm**  
**Taos**  
[More information.](#)

# Disability News & Upcoming Events

Contact [Daniel](#) to include your news and events



**SAVE the DATE:**

**Friday, June 16  
Summit on Advocacy\*  
Saturday, June 17  
The Arc of New Mexico  
Annual Conference  
Albuquerque**

Click [here](#) to nominate an awardee.  
The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 28, 2017.  
Award winners will be honored  
at the Annual Summit/Arc Conference.  
\*Funded by Developmental Disabilities Planning Council



**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

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.](#)

For individuals on the Autism Spectrum, Facing Your Fears: Cognitive Behavioral Group Therapy approach to addressing Anxiety and Autism [Learn more.](#)

Autism Flexible Services Program: Program designed to help meet the needs of children with ASD and their families. [Learn more.](#)

For individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their peers, applications are currently available for Camp Rising Sun in June. [Learn more.](#)

From the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line: [Information in English and Spanish](#) and the [December 2016 Monthly Report](#)



## 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.](#)

**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.

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

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

Visit us and learn  
more!

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