



## CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ April 2018

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 interested individuals who include self-advocates, family members, professionals, employees and dedicated New Mexicans uniting for one mission. **New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council's** mission is to 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 chose "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 DDPC Council Meeting is on Friday, **April 27, 2018**.

## REGISTER NOW! DON'T MISS THE 2018 SUMMIT ON ADVOCACY FEATURING...

- **Opening Plenary** "How Advocacy Gets Results" - An Entertaining Conversation Between Two Seasoned

Advocates (Lindsay Sloan and Daniel Ekman)

- **Breakout Sessions** - Developed and Delivered by Academy Fellows (including people with disabilities and family members)
- **Artists Booths** - Original artwork and crafts for sale handmade by people with disabilities! Bring cash and enjoy great gifts!
- **Organizational Booths** - gather important information from disability organizations!
- **Drawings for Free Artwork and Crafts** - Opportunity to win and take home beautiful artwork and crafts made by artist featured in our Artist's Booths.
- **Networking** - Meet new friends from across the state and stay connected
- **Dinner Buffet** - Enjoy a delicious dinner as you hear about what's happening with Advocacy across New Mexico

Click [Here](#) for a **SUMMIT Brochure to print**

Click [Here](#) for a **Registration Form to print**

Click [Here](#) to **Register ONLINE with a Credit Card**

## **About the Statewide Summit on Advocacy**

The Summit on Advocacy is an opportunity for self-advocates and partners to gather information around self-advocacy activities and policies. The purpose is to strengthen and enhance self-advocacy efforts in New Mexico.



If you have questions or need additional information please contact us at:  
Parents Reaching Out  
1920 Columbia Dr SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87106  
Phone: (505)247-0192 or  
1-800-524-5176

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Albuquerque, NM 87106



## **2018 | Statewide Summit on Advocacy**

### **Advocacy Gets Results**



**April 18, 2018**

**Crowne Plaza**  
1901 University Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

## Statewide Summit on Advocacy

Is a conference funded to by DDPC, and coordinated by Parents Reaching Out. The program was developed by DDPC's Advocate Leadership Academy, Spring class of 2018.

### Wednesday, April 18, 2018

12:00 – 1:30pm	Registration, Exhibits/Networking – Lunch is on your own– Snack will be served
1:30 – 2:30pm	Opening Plenary: How Advocacy Gets Results, Lindsey Sloan and Marilyn Martinez
2:30 – 3:00pm	Break
3:00 – 4:15pm	Breakouts: • Moving Forward with ADA Compliance • Dynamics of Family Relationships
4:15 – 4:30pm	Break
4:30 – 5:45pm	Breakouts: • The DD Waiver Service Standards, Important Changes for Families and Advocates • Getting the Healthcare you need
5:45 – 7:00pm	Dinner and New Mexico Allies for Advocacy Event
7:00 – 10:00pm	Dance

### Cost to Attend:

- Individual with a Disability \$30
- Family Member \$30
- Support Staff \$30
- Professional \$50

### Hotel Rooms at the Crowne Plaza:

Hotel rooms for the night of April 18, 2018 are available for out-of-town self advocates, family member or support staff traveling 200 miles round trip from home to the conference hotel. Metro and surrounding area residents may purchase a room for \$89.00 plus tax, room block will close after

**March 21, 2018.** The hotel is located at 1901 University Blvd NE Albuquerque, NM 87102.

**Register online at:** [www.classy.org/albuquerque/events/statewide-summit-advocacy/e164399](http://www.classy.org/albuquerque/events/statewide-summit-advocacy/e164399)

Please mail, fax, or email completed form to:

Parents Reaching Out 1920 B Columbia Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106.

Email: [Aleon@parentsreachingout.org](mailto:Aleon@parentsreachingout.org) Fax: 505-247-1345 For questions please call: 1-800-524-5176

## Registration Form

Statewide Summit on Advocacy on April 18, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual with a Disability  Family Member

Support Staff  Professional

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check what accommodation you need to participate in this event:

Sign language interpreter

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Other needs: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are coming from a town 200 miles round trip from Albuquerque will you need a hotel room?  Yes  No

Are you interested in attending the Parents Reaching Out Family Leadership Conference April 19-20, 2018?

Yes  No

Payment Information:

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

(make checks payable to Parents Reaching Out)

Purchase Order  Credit Card

Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## FEATURED NEW STAFF

### - Jennifer Valencia - Contract Specialist, DDPC/Guardianship Program



I've been with State Government for 23 years. I have spent most of them working in Santa Fe up until three ago when I got a job through the State here in Albuquerque. Most of my career has been working in Finance/Accounts Payable/Receivable. I've been with the DDPC Guardianship program for almost a week and I'm liking it so far. I have awesome people on my team and I look forward to working in my new position and

learning as I go.

I'm originally from Pecos, NM and now live in Rio Rancho, NM. I care for my father who is disabled, he is a BK amputee but very independent. He underwent his amputation in October of 2014 due to complications with diabetes. This was a life changing event for not only our family but especially for him. We have taken advantage of a lot of the resources available to make life as easy as possible for him. I always encourage him to never give up and to try harder and set goals to still be able to do the things he wants to do and even better than he did before. I believe a person can do whatever they want if they set their minds and heart to it.

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### **FEATURED NEW STAFF**

**- Sandy Flores - Intake Coordinator, DDPC/Guardianship Program**



Ms. Flores received her Bachelor of Science in 1999 from Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM and her Master of Arts in Counseling in 2009 from NM Highland University, Las Vegas, NM. She has an extensive background in the area of Education, Care Coordination, Case Management, and Home-Based Therapy for Individuals with Disabilities. Ms. Flores has been a strong advocate for individuals with disabilities since 2012.

Words of encouragement: "I do not have a disability, I have a gift! Others may see it as a disability, but I see it as a

challenge. This challenge is a gift because I have to become stronger to get around it, and smarter to figure out how to use it; others should be so lucky."

We've Reached the Finish Line!!

## Advocate Leadership Academy Graduation Let's Celebrate!!!



Come join us for our Open House and to recognize our  
Academy Graduates

**Enjoy Friends, Food and Fun!**

**When:** Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00-5:00pm

**Where:** DDPC Large Conference Room  
625 Silver Ave SW, Suite 100  
Albuquerque, NM, 87102  
Parking Code: Call 841-4519

**Thanks to these generous food sponsors**



### Guardianship Program Update:

The Guardianship Program is a statewide, publicly funded guardianship services program for guardians of last resort for income and resource-eligible incapacitated adults, when there are no less restrictive forms of

intervention, such as a power of attorney or a decision maker designated under an Advance Directive.

The Guardianship Program staff continue to work diligently on behalf of all individuals needing Guardianship, but who fall between 200% of the Federal Poverty level. In addition to assisting with intake and providing legal assistance, compliance officers have conducted site visits to ensure that the individuals in the program are receiving the services they need. They continue to collaborate with contractors, agencies, courts and others to ensure that those who are at the point of last resort receive the Guardianship services they need. Their tireless work has positively impacted the lives of many individuals in our state.

They also continue to provide information and education about Guardianship. This includes information on what it means to be under a Guardianship, various alternatives to Guardianship that are less restrictive and how various events impact the lives of those with a Guardian and the Guardians themselves.

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).

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**Federal Program Update:** The Federal Program projects directly relate to the current Five-Year Plan (2017-2021) developed and approved by the Council. The Plan is based on information collected statewide from New Mexicans with disabilities, family members, professionals and community members.

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 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.

The Federal Program created a **survey** to identify **health services gaps**



which is provided to **DDPC** federal program contractors to have project participants complete and return to **DDPC**, attached to the quarterly reports.

To see the Five Year Plan of the New Mexico DD Council, click [here](#).



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

The **Center for Self Advocacy (CSA)** is wrapping up it's **Advocate Leadership Academy** this month. The 14-week Spring class began on January 22nd and will take place weekly until April 23rd on which there will be an OPEN HOUSE and Graduation.

In March, our **Advocate Leadership Academy** participants began their hard work on the upcoming **Statewide Summit on Self-Advocacy** on April 18. The participants have decided on topics for their presentations and were hard at work putting presentations together on each topic. They chose four topics including ADA Compliance, Family Dynamics, Rights on the DD Waiver and Accessing Healthcare. These four topics will be the breakout o April 18sessions for the **Statewide Self-Advocacy Summit** on April 18. The leaders and fellows also participated in the March 26 **See Me For Me** event that took place at the **Center for Development and Disability**. Some individuals even filmed short videoblogs that will be posted shortly to our facebook and twitter accounts. They will end April with discussions about Disability Awareness and then prepare to present on one of their goals at the April 23 Open House.

The **CSA** staff was also hard at work in March. The staff attended a transition fair at **Rio Rancho High School** and a social work fair at the **New Mexico Highlands University** campus in Albuquerque. Staff also conducted an arts and crafts activity related to **See Me For Me**, assisted with an emergency preparedness training at **Isleta Resort and Casino** and attended the **See Me For Me** event at the **Center for Development and Disability**. They also continued to mentor individuals both within the **Academy** and in other programs such as **NMLEND**.

April will be a busy month for the **CSA**. On April 10, staff will conduct a transition presentation at **Vista Grande High School** in Taos. On April 11, an independent living presentation will be conducted at the **CDD**. **CSA** staff will also attend the **Imagine Conference** on April 12-13, but will also participate in a presentation on Emergency Preparedness and Autism.

Then, they will participate in the *Statewide Summit on Self-Advocacy* on April 18 followed by the **Parents Reaching Out Family Leadership Conference** on April 19-20. Program Manager Daniel Ekman will also be attending the **Association of University Centers on Disability 2018 Disability Policy Summit**. This doesn't include the additional work for the *2018 Spring Open House* or the **From Fear to Freedom** project.

On March 8, another **From Fear to Freedom** event took place at *La Cumbre* for a groups of grandparents. Panelists included Laurel Deans and Amelia Ann-Dickey as well as, staff members Lindsay Sloan, Marilyn Martinez and Daniel Ekman. **Parents Reaching Out Family** Liason Adam Shand also participated. Preparation for the event was done by staff member Lindsay Sloan in addition to **Allies Quality of Life Grant** Project Manager Nat Dean, and **Parents Reaching Out - Quality of Life Grant** Project Manager Adam Shand. The presentation featured a Dream Activity being done with the approximately 15 people in attendance. The participants asked great questions and were engaged throughout the presentation. The panelists had in-depth discussions regarding barriers and discussed how their experiences related to both their views of themselves and of disability rights in general. The **From Fear to Freedom** project will wrap up with two events that will take place in April. On April 4, an event will be held at *Very Special Arts* from 4:30-6:30 pm. Then, on April 11, our final event will take place at **New Mexico Highlands University** Tech Building Room 303 in Las Vegas from 6-8 pm. Don't miss your opportunity to see these groundbreaking events.

#### **NEW! CSA APPOINTMENT HOURS:**

Do you need to talk with someone about an issue you are having or just want to meet with a CSA staff members. We are now accepting APPOINTMENTS on Wednesday from 2-5 pm open to meet with people. If you want to schedule an appointment, contact Daniel at 505-670-5698.

To schedule outreach events conducted by the CSA, contact Lindsay at 505-841-4571 or [Lindsay.Sloan@state.nm.us](mailto:Lindsay.Sloan@state.nm.us).

## **Disability News & Upcoming Events**

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

The Following Event will be Held in conjunction with **The Arc of New Mexico, ARCA, Zia Trust and Prezenger, Baysinger, Wideman and Sale PPC**

# Update on Special Needs Planning 2018



**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**  
**3:00pm-5:00pm**

New Mexico CPA Society  
3400 Menaul Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
Across from American Home  
Furniture

## Topics

- Special Needs Trusts
- Benefits of 2017 Tax Act
- Guardianships & Conservatorships
- ABLE Accounts
- Pooled Trusts

**Presented by:**



**Please RSVP by Friday, April 6, 2018**

Email: [kknapp@pbwslaw.com](mailto:kknapp@pbwslaw.com)

Call: 505-872-0505

\*Limited seating capacity

RSVP today!

[WWW.PBWSLAW.COM](http://WWW.PBWSLAW.COM)



**Letter on the Regional Office Request for Intervention (RORI) as a strategy for overcoming barriers to employment.**

Click [here](#) to read the letter written by Community Inclusion Manager Carrie N. Roberts



### **Medicaid Telephone Identity Theft Scam Alert**

**The Following comes from the New Mexico Human Services Department Website**

There have been reports of what appears to be an identity theft scam by callers claiming to be representatives of the New Mexico Medicaid program. These solicitors are calling individuals several times a day and asking for their name, Social Security Number and Medicaid number. Medicaid recipients should never provide personal information such as Social Security Number or Medicaid identification numbers over the phone to unsolicited callers.

These callers are not affiliated with the New Mexico Human Services Department, its Medicaid program, the Centennial Care managed care organizations, or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

If you have received an unsolicited call from someone claiming

to be a representative of the Human Services Department or the New Mexico Medicaid program, you may file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>. If you have already fallen victim to this or a similar scam, please visit <http://www.identitytheft.gov>.

### **Disability Awareness Curriculum Input Needed**

The Office of the Attorney General, Outreach Division is developing a disability awareness curriculum. As part of this curriculum, the Office will have a section on the 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**

A coalition of interested New Mexicans 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.

***Psychosocial Rehabilitation Association of  
New Mexico 26th Annual Conference***



The *Psychosocial Rehabilitation Association of New Mexico (PSRANM)* has contributed to an unwavering effort to use more effective and lower cost alternatives to long-term institutionalization over the past 30 years. They are having their 26th Annual Conference from June 13-16. This conference has a very specific focus on people in recovery and the providers that support people to maintain recovery and build resiliency. This year's conference we are focusing on: Healing, Growing, and Building Together: From Illness to Wellness. The early bird registration deadline is April 30, 2018.

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They are seeking awards nominations for someone that has made a difference in the lives of others and/or the behavioral health field of recovery. The nominations are due by April 1, 2018. To learn more about the awards and how to submit nominations, click [here](#).

The deadline to sponsor the conference and receive a free table is April 30, 2018. Click [here](#) for a sponsorship packet.



**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](#)

The Following Tip Sheet on ABLÉ is presented by the **Information Network**, which is funded by the **NMDDPC** and administered by the **University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability**.

# ABLE Act – Accounts for Persons with Disabilities Act

New Mexico

## What is the ABLE Act?

The ABLE Act is a federal law that allows eligible people with disabilities to open an ABLE investment and savings account. The "Bank Safe" option is a saving account and there are four investment options available. They range from aggressive to conservative (Growth, Moderate Growth, Conservative Growth, and Income Options). It allows a person with a disability to save money without losing eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and other programs. The money in this account may be used for qualified disability-related expenses.

## Why open an ABLE account?

Many people with disabilities rely on Medicaid, SSI, and other public programs. To qualify for these programs, someone generally must have a low monthly income and no more than \$2,000 in countable assets. The ABLE Act allows a person to save more than this usual asset limit in an ABLE account without losing these important benefits, and to use those savings to pay for qualified expenses related to his or her disability.

## Who is eligible?

An eligible person is someone whose disability began before the age of 26, and who has been living with their disability for at least one year, or expects it to last for at least a year. The applicant must also meet one of the following criteria:

- Be entitled to SSI because of their disability
- Be entitled to Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) because of their disability
- Have a condition listed on the Social Security Administration's List of Compassionate Allowances Conditions at [www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances/conditions.htm)
- Self-certify their disability and diagnosis when opening an ABLE account.

## How can someone open an ABLE account?

The ABLE account process is online. Visit [www.ablenewmexico.com](http://www.ablenewmexico.com) to register and open an account. Enrollment is free; however, a minimum deposit of \$50.00 is needed to open an account. Any deposits after that can be as little as \$1.00. Currently, there is a \$3.50 fee per month to have an account. There is also an asset fee between 0.19% and 0.34% depending on the options chosen. Any earnings on the account are free of state and federal taxes.

## Key facts:

- Anyone, such as a family member or friend, may contribute to the account.
- Up to \$15,000 may be put into an ABLE account each year. More than one person can contribute, but the total contributions from all sources is limited to \$15,000 per year.
- If the beneficiary is employed, the maximum yearly contribution is \$27,060 per year.
- If the total amount in the ABLE account exceeds \$100,000, then SSI benefits will be suspended until the amount in the account drops back down to \$100,000 or less.
- ABLE account funds do not affect eligibility for Medicaid, SSI and other programs.
- ABLE account funds must be spent on costs related to living with a disability.
- Disability-related expenses may include health care, education, housing, personal support services, transportation, employment training, assistive technology and other services.
- If Medicaid benefits were used while an account is open, it may be possible for Medicaid to seek repayment after a person's death. However, there are a number of things that the account can be used for before Medicaid could be repaid, such as funeral costs. Be sure to ask for more details.



### State of New Mexico ABLE Program

[www.ablenewmexico.com](http://www.ablenewmexico.com)

### ABLE National Resource Center 202-296-2040

[www.ablenrc.org/](http://www.ablenrc.org/)

### Questions?

Call the CDD  
Information Network

1-800-552-8195

or visit our website at

[www.cdd.unm.edu/info-net](http://www.cdd.unm.edu/info-net)

Informational Tip  
Sheets:

[www.cdd.unm.edu/info-net/tip-sheets.html](http://www.cdd.unm.edu/info-net/tip-sheets.html)



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**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)

**APRIL CALENDAR of Events** Contact 505-670-5698 to include your upcoming events.



**April 5**

**Dr. Jane Blumenfield Lecture  
"They Don't Know Who I am!"**

**From Stereotypes to Reciprocity  
in Special Education**

**5:00-6:30 pm**

**Domenici Auditorium (UNM Health Sciences)**

**Albuquerque**

**For more information, click [here](#)**



**April 7**

**Autism Under the Big Top: Ellen**

**Reavis Race for Autism**

**Balloon Fiesta Park**

**11:00 am**

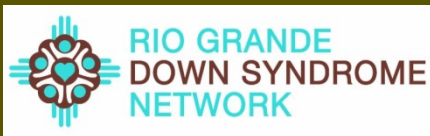
**Click [here](#) to register and for information**



**April 11**  
**Service Animals: What You Need to Know**  
**Andres Z. Silva Conference Center**  
**Deming**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
Click [here](#) for more information



**April 11**  
**Update on Special Needs Planning 2018**  
**New Mexico CPA Society**  
**3:00 - 5:00 pm**  
For more information, see the flyer above.



**April 11**  
**Mom's Night Out**  
**Casa Rodena Winery**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
For more information, click [here](#)



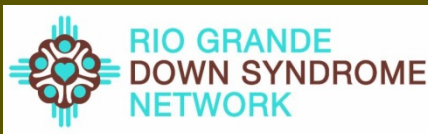
**April 12-13**  
**Imagine Autism Conference:**  
**Embracing Change - Transitions**  
**Through the Lifespans**  
**Isleta Resort and Casino**  
Click [here](#) for more information



**April 12**  
**Service Animals: What You Need to Know**  
**Global Resource Center**  
**Silver City**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
Click [here](#) for more information



**April 14**  
**Celebration of Inclusion and Play**  
A Park Above  
Rio Rancho  
10:00 - 12:00 pm  
For more information, click [here](#)



**April 14**  
**Mom's Night Out**  
9:00 - 10:00 am  
For more information, click [here](#)



**April 15**  
**Sensory Friendly Hours at Explora**  
10-12 pm  
Click [here](#) for more information



**April 18**  
**2018 Self-Advocacy Summit -**  
**"Advocacy Gets Results"**  
**Crowne Plaza**  
**Albuquerque**

See flyer above for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**April 19-20**  
**Family Leadership Conference**  
**Crowne Plaza**  
**Albuquerque**  
Click [here](#) for more information



**April 21**  
**Under 7 Play Group**  
Los Duranes Community Center  
Albuquerque  
11:00 - 1:00 pm  
For more information, click [here](#)



**April 21**  
**Roswell Walk for Autism**  
**Cielo Grande**  
**12:00-5:00 pm**  
Click [here](#) to register and for information



**April 22**  
**School Age Playgroup**  
 Coolspringz  
 Albuquerque  
 4:30 - 6:30 pm

For more information, click [here](#)



**April 26-27**  
**Governor's Commission on Disability**  
**Ramada Hotel and Conference Center**  
**Las Cruces**

For more information, click [here](#)



**April 27**  
**Adult Social Group**  
 Silva Lanes  
 Albuquerque  
 6:00 - 8:00 pm

For more information, click [here](#)



**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 Lindsay Sloan at [Lindsay.Sloan@state.nm.us](mailto:Lindsay.Sloan@state.nm.us) or 505-841-4571.

**Guardianship Program**

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The **Guardianship Program** provides guardians, legal services for court

**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

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

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funding [Learn more  
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