



CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ December 2016

What's happening in the disability community in New Mexico

Unite in support of the **DDPC** goals of Advocacy, Capacity Building and Systems Change

The **Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)** is a group of individuals including self-advocates, family members, professionals, employees and dedicated individuals uniting for one mission. Our mission is that the **New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council** will promote advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans with developmental disabilities and their families. For more in-depth information on the **DDPC**, take a look at [our council's five goals](#).

Important Information on the DD Waiver

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

Advocates -

Did you VOTE during the Presidential Election this year?
If so, SABE wants to know how the **voting experience** went for you.

The national SABE (Self Advocates Becoming Empowered) organization wants individuals with disabilities who voted to respond to a national survey they are conducting following the election.

The survey is looking for candid responses from all voters with disabilities who participated in this year's Presidential Election November 8th either

by absentee, early voting, or at the polls on Election Day.

The survey only takes a few minutes and the responses will be very helpful in addressing voters with disabilities concerns on a national level.

The survey covers concerns regarding access to the polls, poll workers friendliness towards individuals with disabilities, poll workers' knowledge of accessibility tools (i.e. ballot marking devices) and other issues are addressed. Click below to complete the survey.

[DO THE VOTER SURVEY ONLINE](#)

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.

Guardianship Program Update: If you would like to request a **presentation on guardianship**, contact Maria Bourassa, Guardianship Program Manager at 505-841-4524 or maria.bourassa@state.nm.us. The Guardianship Program has been hard at work with court hearings, site visits to Guardianship providers and preparing the new online database.

Federal Program Update: This program provides funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living/Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) to engage in advocacy, capacity building and system change activities for individuals with developmental disabilities. This initiative conducts and supports programs, projects and activities that carry out the purpose of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.

Center for Self Advocacy Update: The **Fall Class** ended on November 28th with a fantastic Open House including presentations from the self-advocates on various topics important to them and to the legislature. The event showcased the leadership abilities and growth shown by the self-advocates during our Fall Class with over 100 attendees.

The Center for Self Advocacy also participated in a two-day series of

meetings in Gallup in November. CSA employee Suzanne Kryder participated in a huge People First of Gallup meeting on November 17th and in an officer training on November 18th. Thanks to Esther Trujillo, the president of People First of Gallup, for all of her work.

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

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, 505-717-3584. More information about the project is [here](#).

Upcoming DDPC/CSA Advocate Holiday Party!!!

**December 19 from 3-5 pm at DDPC
625 Silver Ave. Suite 100 SW**



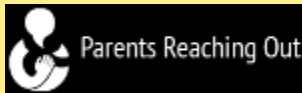
- Come for food, friends and gifts
- Information on Upcoming Events
- Snowflake making Workshop
- Much more..

Transportation to and from the event is available on a limited basis.
Contact 505-841-4558 or Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us to RSVP

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



December 6
Social Opportunities and the Importance of Fun
10:00-12:00 pm
Albuquerque
Click [here](#) for more information



December 7
Native American Parent Support Group Christmas Potluck
5:00-7:00 pm
Albuquerque
Click [here](#) for more information



December 7
*NMABA Journal Reading Group:
Licensure in Behavior Analysis*
6:00-7:00 pm
Albuquerque
Click [here](#) for more information



December 7 & 8
Systematic Instruction Training
8:30-5:00 pm
Las Cruces
Click [here](#) for more information



13 de Diciembre
Grupo de Apoyo
10-12 pm
Albuquerque
Click [here](#) for more information



December 13
School to Work Transition Alliance
2:00-4:00 pm
CDD
Albuquerque
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

December 15
Recipes for IEP Success
10:00-12:00 pm
Albuquerque
Click [here](#) for more information



December 15
Job-ING
5:30-7:00 pm
Albuquerque
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

December 15
Family Support Group
6:00-7:30 pm
Albuquerque
Click [here](#) for more information

Disability News & Upcoming Events

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



Disability Rights New Mexico is looking for participant for two boards

The first board is the Disability Rights New Mexico Board of Directors.
The second board is for the Mental Health Advisory Council.
For more information on these boards and to apply, go to www.drn.org



Disability Rights New Mexico has moved

Their Albuquerque Office is no longer on Central and Louisiana. They are now

located at 3916 Juan Tabo Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Their new office is on the east side of Juan Tabo Blvd., NE, between Comanche and Montgomery. Turn east at the traffic light for "Juan Tabo Place", and they are in the second building on the right. Their contact information has NOT changed.



Save the Date - 2017 Pre-legislative Session Forum: January 7

The Disability Coalition's annual pre-session forum will take place on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at the Jewish Community Center, 5520 Wyoming Blvd., NE in Albuquerque. The forum is a great opportunity to learn about issues that will be coming up in the 2017 session of the New Mexico Legislature and to network with other members of the disability community.

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

Learn more at <https://drnmplan.org/>



Save the Date - 2017 Disability Rights Awareness Day: February 23 & 24

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

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Click [here](#) for more information



**Center for
Self Advocacy**

**Guardianship
Program**

Federal Program

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 or 505-841-4571.

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.](#)

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.](#)



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