



"CALLING ALL ADVOCATES" ~ February 2016

What's happening in the disability community in New Mexico.

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

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

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. The next Council Meeting is April 28 and 29, 2016.

Guardianship Program Update: [Request for Proposals](#) for corporate guardianship contractors deadline is **February 19, 2016, 5:00 pm**.

If you would like to request a **presentation on guardianship**, contact Maria Bourassa, Guardianship Program Manager at 505-841-4524 or email: maria.bourassa@state.nm.us

Federal Program Update: The Council's Program Committee is preparing for the April meeting so that Council can develop the 2017-2021 goals and objectives based on the survey results. Save the date: March 10th, 2 to 5 pm at DDPC Offices for the **Side-by-Side Celebration**.

Center for Self Advocacy Update: The Spring Class focused on public speaking skills and financial education meets on Mondays, 3 to 5 pm at DDPC. Registration required. Contact Joseph Calloway at 505-670-5698 or email: joseph.calloway@state.nm.us. The CSA is partnering with Parents Reaching Out for the monthly, *Forward @ 14* workshops - see events below. If you would like to request a presentation from CSA, contact Joseph Calloway.

The 2016 Legislative Session



- 30 day session ends on **February 18 at 12 pm**
- Click [HERE](#) for the weekly **Legislative Report from Disability Rights New Mexico**
- Go to www.nmlegis.gov to obtain information about the Legislative session, your legislators, committee schedules, committee membership and memorials or bills.

February Events

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



February 2
Parents Reaching Out 12 to 2 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]

Recipes for IEP Success - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 3
Parents Reaching Out 10 am to 12 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]

Spanish Support Group - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 8

9 am to 4 pm - CLOVIS [SE Region]
How to Improve Employment Outcomes with Descriptive Writing - FREE

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



February 8

6 to 7:30 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]

Supports to Consider with Students with ASD in College Settings - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register and find more information.



February 9

10 am to 4 pm - SANTA FE [NE Region]
How to Improve Employment Outcomes with Descriptive Writing - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 10

9 am to 3 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
How to Improve Employment Outcomes with Descriptive Writing - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 11

8:30 am to 3:30 pm - Las Cruces [SW Region]
Early Identification & Intervention in ASD - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register or for more information.



February 11

9 am to 3 pm - Gallup [NW Region]
How to Improve Employment Outcomes with Descriptive Writing - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 12

10 am to 4 pm - Las Cruces [SW Region]
How to Improve Employment Outcomes with Descriptive Writing - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



Parents Reaching Out

February 13

10 am to 2 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
SibShop

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 16
Parents Reaching Out 1 to 2 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
Accommodations and Modifications in Schools

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 16 & 17
9 am to 4 pm - Taos [NE Region]
Person Centered Vocational Assessment and Employment Plans - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 20
Parents Reaching Out 10 am to 2 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
Forward @ 14 - Part 2

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 23
Parents Reaching Out 5:30 to 7 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
Accommodations and Modifications in Schools

Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information.



February 29
5:30 to 7:30 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
New Mexico Allies for Advocacy, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Contact by [email](#) for more information.

SAVE the Date Upcoming Events Contact [Daniel](#) to include your upcoming events



March 10
2 to 5 pm - DDPC Offices
*Side-by-Side Celebration
Developmental Disabilities
Awareness Month*

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



March 21
Tag! You're It!
World Down Syndrome Day
Click [HERE](#) for more information.



The Arc of New Mexico has released their 2016 Legislative Priorities

These include -

- The ABLE Act,
- Maintaining Services,
- The Waiting List,
- Guardianship Services
- Restraint and Seclusion
- For More Information, go to <https://www.arcnm.org/monthly-memo/> and click on October 2015



The NM LEND Program is looking for family members or self-advocates to participate

You can learn about:

- Public Policy
- Developing Leadership Skills
- Working with Interdisciplinary Teams
- LEND fellows meet every Friday for two semesters at the UNM Center for Development and Disability. For fellows outside of the Albuquerque Metro Area, arrangements can be made to connect remotely via your home computer.

Using experiential activities, LEND Fellows learn about:

- Working on inter-disciplinary teams with others from a multitude of disciplines including: Family Members, Self-Advocates, Special/Regular Education, Medicine, Nutrition, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Public Administration, Psychology, Public Health, Dentistry, Speech-Language Pathology, Social Work, and Others
- Becoming a leader
- Providing family-centered and culturally competent care
- Impacting public policy
- The NM LEND program is currently accepting applications for the Spring 2016 semester. The program would be for the Spring and Fall 2016 semesters.
- Go to www.cdd.unm.edu/nmlend to learn more and apply.
- Please email me at pshingle@salud.unm.edu if you have any questions



Disability Rights New Mexico has released their FY16 Priorities

The topic areas include:

- Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation
- Assistive Technology
- Brain Injury Services
- Community Based Services

- Employment and Vocational Rehabilitation
- Public Policy
- Mental Health Services
- Self-Determination
- Special Education

To examine their priorities in detail, go to
<http://www.drn.org/uploads/PDFs/DRNM%20FY%202016%20Priorities.pdf>



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

DDPC Program Descriptions

Center for Self Advocacy

Exciting news and upcoming events at the **New Mexico Center for Self Advocacy**
[Keep up with our calendar of future events here.](#)

The Center for Self Advocacy has continued outreach to various schools. If you want **Center** staff to present at a school near you, contact daniel.ekman@state.nm.us or call (505) 841-4558.

Guardianship Program

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.](#)

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