



"CALLING ALL ADVOCATES" January 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

Recent DDPC COUNCIL News

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](#). 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/> In 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 Council Meeting is January 7 - 8, 2016. See nmddpc website for agenda.

Guardianship Program Update: Welcome to the new Manager - Maria Bourassa, 505-841-4524. Annual Guardianship Contractor's Meeting scheduled for January 15th, 10 am to 12 pm at DDPC Office. Announcement of Request for Proposals is January 15, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Federal Program Update: Thank you for completing the survey! Your

input is being compiled and will be shared with the Council. The Council will come up with goals based on the survey results.

Center for Self Advocacy Update:

- January 6 - 5:30 pm at Parents Reaching Out on *How to Communicate with the Legislature*
- January 9 - Attending *Pre-Legislative Forum* in Albuquerque
- January 11 - Spring Class starts (*public speaking skills and financial education*)
- January 23 - *Forward @ 14* event
- January 25 - Drury Plaza Hotel - *Disability Rights Awareness Day* in Santa Fe
- January 26 - State Capitol - *Disability Rights Awareness Day* in Santa Fe
- January 27 - 10:25 am Ft. Wingate High School on *Self-Advocacy and Transition*
- January 30 - February 1- *Southwest Alliance for Technical Assistance* meeting in Arizona to confer with other states and gain ideas for working on a New Mexico State Self-Advocacy Plan

Get Ready for the 2016 Legislative Session



- It starts Monday, **January 19** at 12 pm at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe
- Remember that the session lasts 30 days, which means the session ends on February 18 at 12 pm
- Consider attending the Pre-Legislative Forum on January 9 at the Jewish Community Center in Albuquerque (see the January Events section for more information)
- Go to www.nmlegis.gov to obtain information about the Legislative session, your legislators, committee schedules, committee membership and memorials or bills.

Fun Activity/Fact of the Month

**Visit the 2015 Winter Carnival at the Red River Ski and Summer Area
January 15-17**



A Red River tradition from long-ago, the Winter Carnival was revived recently to bring back all the winter fun that the name implies. Events include snowmobile races, snowman building, kid-friendly games and events, live music, shopping strolls, torchlight parades, and fireworks.

Go to <http://redriverskiarea.com/event/winter-carnival-red-river-ski-summer-area> for more information OR Contact the Red River Ski & Summer Area for more details

Telephone: (575) 754-2223, Email: karenkelly@redriverskiarea.com

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



January 9
Pre-Legislative Forum - \$15

Go to www.drn.org and contact them for more information.



January 11
Social Supports and ASD Webinar

To pre-register and find more information about this free webinar, go to https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/996387906/en/events/event/shared/1623101941/event_landing.html?sco-id=1625249493&charset=utf-8



January 22
Self-Advocacy for Individuals with ASD Webinar

For more information, go to https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/996387906/en/events/event/shared/1622705650/event_landing.html?sco-id=1625615885&charset=utf-8



January 22 - January 29
Person Centered Vocational Assessment and Employment Plans
Location: Zia Therapy Center at Alamogordo, NM

To pre-register and gain more information, go to <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ec0b7ra6da30787e&llr=zexpqguab>



January 23

Forward @ 14 - Parents Reaching Out and The Center for Self Advocacy

Go to <http://parentsreachingout.org/events/forward-14-part-1/>



January 25-26

2016 Disability Rights Awareness Day - Santa Fe

Go to <https://www.arcnm.org/drad-registration/> for more information and to register.



January 28 - January 29

Preschool ASD Institute

Location: Center for Development and Disability in New Mexico

To pre-register and gain more information, go to https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/996387906/en/events/event/shared/1622705650/event_landing.html?sco-id=1625680185&_charset=utf-8



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
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- 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

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.](#)

- PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR SPRING CLASS STARTS ON JANUARY 11 FROM 3-5 PM. PLEASE ATTEND THIS FIRST CLASS.

- **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.

Need a guardian or more information about guardianship?

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.](#)

[Click here to learn the basics of guardianship.](#)

The website also includes laws and regulations. [Go to our website](#)

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 funding [Learn more here.](#)

[Visit us and learn more!](#)