



CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ January 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](#).

Important Information on the DD Waiver

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

Advocates with Disabilities -

Did you VOTE during the Presidential Election this year?
If so, SABE wants to know how the **voting experience** went for you.
You will not provide your name or who you voted for!

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING is Friday, January 6, 2017. Click [here](#) for the Agenda. 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.

For example, the Federal Program funds the Disability Coalition Steering Committee through Disability Rights New Mexico. Committee members identify and provide written recommendations to the New Mexico Legislature, executive branch policy makers and other individuals

regarding policy and standards impacting persons with disabilities.

Center for Self Advocacy (CSA) Update: The Center staff will be attending and supporting the **Know Your Rights Town Hall Meetings** for Advocates, Family Members and Guardians in February and March. Schedule is [here](#).

Two of our staff members will participate with other southwestern states in January at the [Southwest Institute for Families and Children](#) workshop in Phoenix, AZ. CSA staff will conduct a presentation on "Jobs versus Careers" at the January 19th [JobING](#) Meeting held by Partners for Employment at the CDD.

To schedule outreach events conducted by CSA, contact Suzanne at 505-670-5698 or email: Suzanne.kryder@state.nm.us.

FEATURED DDPC Staff

Suzanne Kryder began in August 2016 as the Outreach Coordinator for DDPC's Center for Self Advocacy. She coordinates trainings and some communication for DDPC's webpages and this e-blast newsletter. In 2012, she had an acquired brain injury that impacted her enunciation and balance. In addition, Suzanne is both the author of *The Mind to Lead: Coaching for Calm, Confident Power* and a host of the award-winning radio series, Peace Talks.



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

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



January 5-7
Partners in Policymaking Leadership Training
Albuquerque



January 7
Pre-Legislative Forum
Jewish Community Center
Albuquerque

The event is being organized by The Disability Coalition: 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.](#)



January 10
School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting
9:00am-10:30am
Gallup
[More information.](#)



January 10
Supported Employment Local Leader (SELL) Meeting
10:30am-12:00pm
Gallup
[More information.](#)



January 10
School-to-Work Transition Team (SWTT) Meeting
2:30pm-4:00pm
Farmington
[More information.](#)



January 11
Supported Employment Local Leader (SELL) Meeting
8:30am-10:00am
Farmington
[More information.](#)



January 19
Supported Employment Local Leader (SELL) Meeting
10:00am-1:00pm
Las Cruces
[More information.](#)



January 19
Job-ING
5:30-7:30pm
Albuquerque
[More information.](#)



January 26 & 27
Preschool Autism Spectrum Disorder Institute
8:00am-5:00 pm
Albuquerque
[More information.](#)

Disability News & Upcoming Events

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



Assistive Technology Conference 2017 (ATC17) registration is now OPEN!

Exhibitors will register on-line this year and we are requesting you pick one day, either Friday, May 10 or Saturday May 11, 2017. Please go to the NMTAP website to register at

http://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0030-0015-6a8cf5b2e347494086f441c66f1fecfa. Booth availability is on a first come, first served basis. Since you have committed verbally, you are receiving this invitation prior to other exhibitors. The others will get this notice on January 11, 2017, so sign up NOW!"

Also we are asking if Exhibitors will be willing to donate a prize, preferably an Assistive Technology Device. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Tracy Agiovlasis at (505)841-4451, Tracy.Agiovlasis@state.nm.us. If you have any questions please

use "reply all".



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
February 23 & 24, 2017
Disability Rights Awareness Day**

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

The event is being organized by The Disability Coalition: 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.](#)



Parents Reaching Out

**Save the Date
April 20-21, 2017
13th Annual Family Leadership Conference, Albuquerque**

[Learn more.](#)

**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 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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