



BREAKING NEWS! Upcoming Events!

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Want to know what is going on with Self-Advocacy
in New Mexico?



Join us at our New Mexico Allies for
Advocacy, Inc.

Quarterly Board Meeting

**Wednesday,
January 9th, 5:30 to 6:00 pm for
networking; 6:00 to 8:00 pm for the
meeting**

at Landmark Apartments Library, 6303
Indian School Blvd.

Call Daniel at 505-670-5698 for more
information!

**Advocate Rights and
Responsibilities Town Hall**
Gallup, NM



Are you living the life you choose? Do you know what your rights are if
you are receiving waiver services?

Do you want to learn how to advocate more effectively for yourself and
other people?

- Come join us for a Town Hall to hear from and talk to advocate
experts on how they have learned to speak up for themselves to
create the life they want.
- Learn about the important laws that strengthen the rights of people
receiving Waiver services while also learning about the
responsibilities each of us has as an important member of our
community.

Refreshments will be provided

When: Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Where: The Hilton Garden Inn

1530 W. Maloney Ave. Gallup, NM





THE DISABILITY COALITION

Pre-Legislative-Session Forum and Legislative Advocacy Training
Saturday, January 12th, 2019 – 8:45 to 3:30 – Registration
opens at 8:15

Location: Jewish Community Center
5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE in Albuquerque

Registration/Cost: \$20 per person, which includes lunch and the afternoon workshop if you choose to stay for it. Please register in advance ([click here for registration form](#)) so we can have adequate supplies of the materials, lunch and refreshments. See registration form and information below.

About the Forum: The annual Forum provides a review of significant disability issues in New Mexico and a preview of what will be addressed in the coming state legislative session. If you want to know what's happening and what you can do about it, the Forum is for you! We'll be covering:

- The outlook for the state budget and how it will affect persons with disabilities
- Education reform: where is the state headed, and how will it affect special education?
- Health care updates: Centennial Care 2.0, Medicaid buy-in, protections for people with pre-existing conditions
- Bills and memorials to be considered in the 2019 session: mandating a five-year plan to significantly reduce the DD Waiver waiting list; prohibiting solitary confinement for persons with serious mental illness; guardianship reform, phase II; better early detection of cerebral palsy; authorizing “aid in dying”; and much more!

Luncheon speaker: Rep. Joanne Ferrary. Rep Ferrary, who represents District 37 in Las Cruces, will share her expectations for the 2019 session and provide suggestions for how Forum participants can influence the outcome of bills and appropriations. Rep. Ferrary is a member of the House Health & Human Services Committee, an advisory member on the interim Education and Health & Human Services Committees, and a past vice chair of the Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee. She has a particular interest in employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Legislative Advocacy Workshop: How does a bill become law, and how does the legislative process really work in New

Mexico? In our afternoon session, find out how you can have an impact on what the Legislature does, and why it's important for you to do so. Ellen Pinnes from The Disability Coalition and Jim Jackson from Disability Rights New Mexico, who both have years of experience as public interest "lobbyists", will explain how the Legislature works and share tips for communicating with legislators. All workshop participants will receive a "Legislative Tool Kit" full of information and resource materials. And you'll have an opportunity to sign up for DRNM's Policy and Legislative Action Network. As part of the PLAN, you can join with others to become an active advocate on issues affecting the disability community and have an impact on important public policy decisions.

To register for these events:

- **By mail: Print and fill out the registration form below, and mail it to Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM), 3916 Juan Tabo NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Enclose your check for \$20, or mark the box showing that you will pay at the door and bring your check or cash on January 12. Mailed registrations must be postmarked by Friday, January 4th, 2019.**
- **By email: Send an email to info@drnm.org. Put "Forum Registration" in the subject line. Cut and paste the registration form below into the body of the email and complete the form, or just provide the information called for on the form in your email. You can then mail in a check, or you can indicate on the form that you will pay at the door. Remember to bring your payment when you come to the Forum on the 12th.**
- **By phone: Call the DRNM office (505-256-3100 or toll-free at 1-800-432-4682). Indicate that you are calling to**

register for the forum and provide your name and contact information. Be aware that the DRNM office will be closed from December 24 through January 1, but you can leave a voice mail message that week.

- By fax: Send the completed registration form to DRNM at 505-256-3184.

If you are registering by phone, fax or e-mail, please do so by 5:00 on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Although we will be accepting registrations at the door, we cannot guarantee copies of the materials or a lunch for you unless you have registered in advance.

The \$20 registration fee must be paid in cash or by check. We do not accept payment by credit/debit card.

Disability accommodations. Sign language interpreters will be provided throughout the day. If you need any other disability-related accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, contact the DRNM office at 505-256-3100 or 1-800-432-4682, or email us at info@drnm.org. Please let us know of any such needs by 5:00 on Tuesday, January 8 so we'll have time to make the arrangements.

Driving directions to the Jewish Community Center: The Center is located at 5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE, a few blocks south of Academy and a few blocks north of Spain. The building is on the east side of the street and sits back a little bit from the street. There is plenty of parking in front of the building, including a significant number of accessible spaces close to the entrances.

From the far north: From I-25, take Paseo del Norte or San Antonio to Wyoming and head south.

From the south: Take I-25 to Montgomery, then go east to Wyoming and head north, or take I-40 east to Wyoming and head north.

From the west side: Go east on Paseo del Norte to Wyoming, and head south.

City bus service: The Jewish Community Center is served throughout the week by Route 31, which runs up and down Wyoming.

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The forum is sponsored by The Disability Coalition and Disability Rights New Mexico.

- The Disability Coalition is a statewide cross-disability coalition representing persons with disabilities, family members and advocates. The Coalition is funded by a grant from the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council and by funding from the other members of the Coalition's Steering Committee, which includes The Arc of New Mexico, Independent Living Resource Center, New Vistas, and DRNM. The Coalition is administered as a project of DRNM.
 - DRNM is a non-profit organization founded in 1979 whose mission is to protect, promote, and expand the legal and civil rights of persons with disabilities. The forum's legislative advocacy workshop is presented as part of DRNM's Policy and Legislative Action Network (PLAN), which encourages members of the disability community to be involved in policy-making in New Mexico.
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The New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc. with funding from the New Mexico Department of Health Office of Injury Prevention will host a 2-day primary prevention training. Talking about Sexuality and Sexual Abuse of Individuals with Disabilities Training will be held in Farmington, New Mexico on January 22-23, 2019. The registration is now open. Click on the following link to register: <https://nmcsap.org/event/talking-about-sexuality-and-sexual-abuse-of-individuals-with-disabilities/> .

Please see the details below:

- January 22, 2019 focuses on primary-prevention. This training day is for two groups: 1.) Sexual violence primary prevention education providers; and 2.) Staff who specialize in working with individuals with disabilities in New Mexico.
- January 23, 2019 focuses on primary-prevention. This training day is for individuals with disabilities in New Mexico. Primary prevention education providers and staff who specialize in working with individuals with disabilities may also attend.

Free registration

***Up to two night hotel reimbursement if traveling more than 70 miles outside of Farmington.**

***Mileage reimbursement (for personal vehicles ONLY from agency city to Farmington)**

**Online registration will be available in early December.
Announcements forthcoming via email.**

***Eligible Participants: Approved primary prevention team members, staff from service provider agencies that primarily work with individuals with disabilities, and individuals with disabilities. Limited amount of reimbursement scholarships available. Participant must work in New Mexico.**



The Arc of New Mexico and the Disability Coalition are delighted to be hosting the **Disability Rights Awareness Day 2019 (DRAD)**. Our Theme for this conference is “Lift Every Voice”. This event will take place starting at the State Capitol and ending at the Drury Hotel in Santa Fe
February 4th through February 6th, 2019

For more information and to register, click [here](#)

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