



## CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ July 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 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 **July 29, 2016**.

**Guardianship Program Update:** 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](mailto:maria.bourassa@state.nm.us)

**Federal Program Update:** The Council approved a draft of the 5 Year Plan for 2017-2021 on April 29th based on survey results. NOW we NEED your INPUT to finalize the 2017-2021 goals, objectives and activities. CLICK [HERE](#) to PRINT OFF the draft and PROVIDE YOUR INPUT by July 8th, 2016 - FAX to Barbara Ibanez, 505-841-4590 or email: [barbara.ibanez@state.nm.us](mailto:barbara.ibanez@state.nm.us)

**Center for Self Advocacy Update:** [Summer Fun Series](#) continues on Monday, **July 11, 2016, 3 to 5:00**

pm through July 25th at the DDPC. Fun! Social networking, crafts and feature films! Refreshments! Reserve your SEAT! Call 505-841-4519 or email [Lindsay.sloan@state.nm.us](mailto:Lindsay.sloan@state.nm.us) with your name and phone number.

Also, if you would like to join the Fall Class, visit the Center for Self-Advocacy and we will give you the application that you need to complete to hold your spot in the class. If you need to get ahold of Daniel Ekman, please use his new cell phone number at 505-670-5698.

## JULY Events Contact 505-670-5698 to include your upcoming events



### Wednesday and Thursday, July 6 and 7

*Second Meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee*

8:30-4:00 pm

New Mexico Highlands University  
Student Union Building Ballroom

800 National Avenue

Las Vegas, New Mexico

Click [here](#) for the agenda

For the schedule agendas of the other subcommittees in the month of July, click [here](#)



### Thursday and Friday, July 7 and 8

**Teaching and Coaching for Success**

July 7 - 8:00am - 5:00pm

July 8 - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Rio Rancho Public Schools District Office

500 Laser Road NE, Rio Rancho, NM

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



### Monday, July 11, 18 and 25

**Summer Fun Series, 3-5 pm**

Watch a movie or participate in a craft activity  
Learn about yourself and disabilities while having fun



Click [Here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**Wednesday, July 20**

***Native American Support Group Kickoff***

5-7 pm

EPICS Office

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**Thursday, July 21**

***Supplemental Security Income and Waivers Seminar***

10 am -12 pm

At EPICS Office

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**Wednesday, July 27**

***Centennial Care and EPSDT Workshop***

10 am -12 pm

EPICS Office

Click [here](#) for more information

## **Disability News & Upcoming Events**

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

### **Save the Date: Southwest Conference on Disability October 5-7, 2016**

- The main theme of the conference is Reducing Disparities for People With Disabilities Through Systems Change
- Click [HERE](#) for more information



### **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](http://www.drn.org)

### 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](mailto:daniel.ekman@state.nm.us) or call (505) 670-5698.

### 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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