



CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ June 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 28 and 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

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

Center for Self Advocacy Update: [Summer Fun Series](#) starts on Monday, **June 6th, 3:00 to 5:00 pm till 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 with your name and phone
number. See June events below for more information.

JUNE Events Contact 505-841-4543 to include your upcoming events



Parents Reaching Out

June 3, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Community Based Advocacy

Parents Reaching Out

[Click Here](#) for more information



Mondays, June 6, 13, 20, 27

Feature Films and Craft Projects

Summer Fun Series

[Click Here](#) to register



2016

"Staying Healthy

[Click Here](#) to



June 24 &

25

Summit/Conference

While Having Fun"

register



June and July Events

Click [HERE](#) to register for free

and 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
- The proposal deadline for presentations is May 6.
- 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

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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