



"CALLING ALL ADVOCATES" ~ March 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 April 28 and 29, 2016.

Guardianship Program Update: Please note that the finalists for the Request for Proposals for Guardianship will be chosen by March 4 by the Council's Program Committee. Click [here](#) for the timeline associated with the RFP Process.

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: [Save the date](#): March 10th, 2 to 5 pm at DDPC Offices for the **Side-by-Side Celebration**. The Council's Program Committee is preparing for the April meeting so that Council can develop

the 2017-2021 goals and objectives based on the survey results.

Center for Self Advocacy Update: The Spring Class focused on public speaking skills and financial education meets on Mondays, 3 to 5 pm at DDPC. Registration required. Contact Joseph Calloway at 505-670-5698 or email:

joseph.calloway@state.nm.us. The CSA is partnering with Parents Reaching Out for the monthly, *Forward @ 14* workshops - see events below. If you would like to request a presentation from CSA, contact Daniel Ekman at Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us.

The 2016 Legislative Session



- The 30 day session ended on February 18 at 12 pm.
- Click [HERE](#) for the latest weekly **Legislative Reports from Disability Rights New Mexico**. The final overall **Legislative Report** will be posted when DDPC receives it.
- Go to www.nmlegis.gov to obtain information about the Legislative session, your legislators, committee schedules, committee membership and memorials or bills.

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



March 4 and March 11
9 am to 4 pm - Farmington [NE Region]
Person Centered Vocational Assessment and Employment Plans - FREE

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



March 5
10-11 am - Albuquerque [Metro Region] at the Center for Development and Disability
Full Spectrum Yoga with Certified

Yoga Instructor and LEND Fellow Kristiana Dion
Email kdion4@salud.unm.edu for more information

Share your photos, videos & stories!

Side-by-Side
*Celebrating togetherness during
 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*
 #sidebyside



March 10
2 to 5 pm - DDPC Offices
Side-by-Side Celebration
Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



UNM CENTER for DEVELOPMENT and DISABILITY

Funded by the Department of Health, DDSD



March 11
8:30-3:30 pm - Santa Fe [North Region]
Early Identification and Intervention in ASD - FREE

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register and for more information



March 11
Parents Reaching Out 10 to 2 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
at the Center for Development and Disability

Unmasking Brain Injury: A Hands-On Mask Making Workshop - FREE
 Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information



March 12
Parents Reaching Out 10 to 2 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
at the DDPC in collaboration with the Center for Self-Advocacy

Forward @14 Third Session
 Click [HERE](#) to register or for more information



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March 14
6-7:30 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
Teaching Children with Autism How to Use the Toilet - FREE

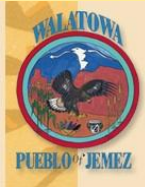
Click [HERE](#) to pre-register and for more information



March 15-18
All Day - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
2016 EPICS Native American Conference
on Special Education

Walking the Journey Together

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



March 16

9 am to 2 pm - Jemez Pueblo Youth Center
18th Annual Disability Awareness Conference

To register or get more information, contact the Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program by calling (575) 834-0012



March 19

7-11 am - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
Second Annual Ballooning For All to Celebrate World
Down Syndrome Day

Click [HERE](#) to pre-register and find more information



March 29 and March 30

9 am to 4 pm - Albuquerque [Metro Region]
Person Centered Vocational Assessment and Employment
Plans - FREE

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

Disability News & Upcoming Events

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



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
- The New Mexico 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



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



Save the Date: UNM Imagine Autism Conference on April 7-8

- Click [HERE](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

Save the Date: Family Leadership Conference on April 21-22

Click [HERE](#) to register or 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

DDPC Program Descriptions

Center for Self Advocacy

Exciting news and upcoming events at the **New Mexico Center for**

Guardianship Program

The **Guardianship Program** is a statewide, publicly funded

Federal Program

The **Federal Program** addresses five key areas including self-advocacy,

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 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.](#)

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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