



## "CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ May 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 chose "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**. See [Website for Agenda](#).

**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's Program Committee is preparing for the April Council meeting so that Council can develop and approve the 2017-2021 goals and objectives based on the survey results.

**Center for Self Advocacy Update:** If you would like to request a presentation from CSA, contact Daniel Ekman at [Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us](mailto:Daniel.ekman@state.nm.us) or 505-841-4543. We will also be

coming up with some fun and innovative activities for the summer and beyond.

**May Events** Contact 505-841-4543 to include your upcoming events



**Tuesdays, April 26 to June 30, 3:30-5:00 pm**  
*Introduction to Job Development*  
Albuquerque at the CDD  
Click [HERE](#) for this free series of classes.



**April 28-29**  
DDPC Council Meeting at the DDPC



*San Juan Center for  
Independence*

1204 San Juan Blvd. • Farmington, NM 87401 • Phone: 505-566-5827 • Fax: 505-566-5842

**April 29, 10-2 pm**  
*San Juan Center for Independence Youth Transition Fair*  
Farmington at The Henderson Fine Arts Center,  
San Juan College

Contact Kalee Wilmer for more information and Registration  
505-566-5837



**April 29, 11:30-1 pm**  
*WEBINAR: Considerations for  
Adults on the ASD*  
Click [HERE](#) to learn more about  
this free event.



Parents Reaching Out

**May 3, 5:30pm - 7:00pm**

*SSI & Waivers*

Dungarvin, Gallup 513 B Williams St.  
Gallup, NM 87301



Parents Reaching Out

**4 de mayo del 2016 de, 10am -  
12pm**

*Grupo de Apoyo, tema: Celebración*

*del día de las madres*  
Parents Reaching Out  
1920 B Columbia Dr. SE Albuquerque, NM 87106



Parents Reaching Out

**May 5, 5pm - 7pm**

*The Journey to Adulthood: What  
Parents Need to Know*

Parents Reaching Out

1920 B Columbia Dr SE Albuquerque, NM 87106



Parents Reaching Out

**May 5, 12pm - 2pm**

*SSI & Waivers*

Presbyterian Medical Services,

Farmington Community Health Center 1001-D W Broadway,  
Farmington, NM



Parents Reaching Out

**5 de mayo del de 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

*Recetas para un IEP Exitoso*

Angel Care of New Mexico 2225 E

Griggs Ave Las Cruces, NM 88001



**May 6, 8:30-3:00 pm**

*Southern New Mexico Advocacy  
Conference*

Dona Ana Community College

Las Cruces, NM

Click [HERE](#) to register



**MAY 9, 6 - 7:30PM**

*Visual Supports in ASD*

Albuquerque

Click [HERE](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**10 de mayo del de 10am - 12pm**

*SSI y los waivers*

En Sueños Los Angelitos 1030

Salazar Road Taos, NM 87571



**MAY 18, 11:30 AM - 1:00PM**

*WEBINAR: Active Engagement for Children with DD and ASD*

Click [HERE](#) to register for this free webinar.



**May 23, 9-3 pm**

*Create Win-Win Job Opportunities: Employer Engagement & Negotiation*  
Farmington

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



**May 25, 9-3 pm**

*Create Win-Win Job Opportunities: Employer Engagement & Negotiation*  
Albuquerque

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



**May 24, 9-3 pm**

*Visual Resumes: A Hands On Workshop*  
Gallup

Click [HERE](#) to register



**May 26, 9-3 pm**

*Visual Resumes: A Hands On Workshop*  
Taos

Click [HERE](#) to register



**May 27**

*Ask the Expert: Small Business Consultations*  
Santa Fe

[Email](#) to register and get 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](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) 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.](#)

[Visit us and learn more!](#)

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