



CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ October 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 five 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 **Friday, Nov. 4th, 2016** at DDPC.

Guardianship Program Update: If you would like to request a **presentation on guardianship**, contact Maria Bourassa, Guardianship Program Manager at 505-841-4524 or maria.bourassa@state.nm.us. The Guardianship Program conducted presentations at Transitions Conferences in Las Cruces and Farmington that gave an overview of their program. They have also been hard at work with court hearings, site visits to Guardianship providers and preparing for the new online database.

Federal Program Update: Last month, we mentioned that the DDPC Five Year Plan was completed. This month on Friday, October 7,

at 2:15pm in the Cochiti Room at the Albuquerque Convention Center, DDPC staff will conduct a presentation explaining the plan. This presentation will take place as a part of the Southwest Conference on Disability.

Center for Self Advocacy Update: The **Fall Class** is full, and this year's theme is "Citizenship." The advocates chose current issues for their projects which include the SSI marriage penalty, restraint and seclusion, human trafficking, emotional and community supports, and transportation. The classes have had a high level of excitement and participation. They have begun their projects with the UNM Special Education graduate students.

- The CSA conducted two presentations on peer mentoring at the Transitions Conferences in Las Cruces (September 22) and Farmington (September 29).
- The CSA is meeting with community members in Silver City on Oct. 21st and participating in the Buddy Walk on Oct. 22nd.
- The CSA is also receiving interest from various individuals to conduct various presentations. Scroll to the end of this e-blast to find out how you can set up these presentations.

October Events Contact 505-670-5698 to include your upcoming events



The Deadline to register to vote in this election is October 12. Contact your local county clerk to register before then or contact Joan Curtiss of Disability Rights New Mexico at jcurtiss@drnm.org for information on how to register. You can also call Disability Rights New Mexico at 1-800-432-4682.



October 3
NM SELL Meeting
8:30-10:00 am
Farmington

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

October 4
Inclusion in Education
10-12 pm
Kid Power Therapy

Click [here](#) for more information

The Time is Here: 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



WEBINAR: Philosophical Premises Underlying the BACB Ethical Code
5:00-6:00 pm
Online

To register, contact info@nmaba.org



Parents Reaching Out

October 6
Community Based Advocacy
5:30-7:30 pm
Parents Reaching Out
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

October 11
Recipes for IEP Success
En Suenos y Los Angelitos
Taos
1:00-3:00 pm
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

October 12

Medicaid and EPSDT

10:00-12:00 pm

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Parents Reaching Out

October 14

Telling Your Story

Parents Reaching Out

5:30-7:30 pm

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

Octubre 18

Grupo de Apoyo (En Espanol)

Parents Reaching Out

10:00-12:00 pm

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

October 20

Family Support Group

6:00-7:30 pm

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Parents Reaching Out

October 27

Stop Bullying Now: A workshop for parents

6:00-8:00 pm

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Disability News & Upcoming Events

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

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

- Reflecting the important role disability plays in workforce diversity, this year's NDEAM theme is "#InclusionWorks."
- Click [here](#) for more information

October is New Mexico's Disability History and Awareness Month (SJM17)

- Reflecting on the important role disability history plays currently in all aspect of community life.
- 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



Disability Rights New Mexico has moved

Their Albuquerque Office is no longer on Central and Louisiana. They are now located at 3916 Juan Tabo Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Their new office is on the east side of Juan Tabo Blvd., NE, between Comanche and Montgomery. Turn east at the traffic light for "Juan Tabo Place", and they are in the second building on the right. Their contact information has NOT changed.



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Save the date for an Open House.

The DDPC is having an Open House on Monday, **November 28 at 3pm.**
Please plan to join us!

Save the Date - 2017 Disability Rights Awareness Day

2017 Disability Rights Awareness Day will be on February 23 and February 24

The event is sponsored and funded by the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

The event is being organized by The Disability Coalition which includes: The Arc of New Mexico, Disability Rights New Mexico, the Independent Living Resource Center, New Vistas, and the New Mexico Governor's Commission on Disability and the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

Click [here](#) for more information

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 Suzanne Kryder at Suzanne.Kryder@state.nm.us or 505-841-4571.

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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