

-HOUSING-

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**Statewide TA for Housing Systems Change**

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*Grant Summary*

MDRC will continue to build on the momentum from years one and two with the provision of statewide technical assistance, training and support to local groups in reaching their targeted goals. The web-based resource directory will be continuously improved and updated and will meet the requirements for a Technical Assistance Resource. MDRC staff will lead efforts for housing systems change, promote leveraging of additional funds, policy change, and an overall increase in affordable, accessible, integrated housing with needed supports.

This year MDRC will focus on providing funding for informational conferences for local sites that they host and in promote conferences that others host. They are focusing their efforts on serving the needs of other grant sites with specific focus on Ottawa and Allegan Counties at the local level, and creating bridges to the aging community in support of the work being done in Livingston County and Detroit.

**Navigating Choices in Housing**

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*Grant Summary*

As one of the six sites for the creation of the Center of Housing Expertise, Disability Advocates of Kent County (DAKC) will develop the local presence to support persons with all disability types in their search for adequate, accessible, affordable housing to live an inclusive life within the community. In addition, DAKC will continue to expand their relationships with local housing providers ensuring that the needs of persons with disabilities are addressed. They will work to refine the Housing Locator System and work with two community partners to review its usefulness and effectiveness.

**Unlocking the Door in Livingston County**

Organization: The Arc of Livingston

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*Grant Summary*

The purpose of the project is to increase community awareness for the need for affordable, supportive housing by giving presentations to service organizations, community groups, developers and builders and elected officials. In addition, they will continue to provide individualized advocacy and assistance to people with disabilities seeking housing of their choice. They are creating a housing system navigational guide and will host quarterly information sessions for consumers, service providers and landlords on the topics of self-determination, IDAs, accessibility, transition planning and other housing-related issues.

**Finding Our Way Home Initiative**

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*Grant Summary*

The overall goal of the project is to assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining a home of their choice. This year, they will utilize the operating Center of Housing Expertise they have created to guide individuals/households through the process of making a home of their choice a reality. In addition, they will collaborate with local partners to ensure the success of an emerging intentional community within their service area, known as Benjamin's House.

**Detroit Housing Resource Center**

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*Grant Summary*

The Housing Resource Center (HRC), serving the individuals of Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck, is a collaborative venture of the Michigan DD Council, Michigan Department of Mental Health, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the Detroit-Wayne CMH. The HRC is operated by Southwest Counseling Solutions. The HRC will coordinate the funding and activities of MSHDA, the CMH provider community, property managers/landlords and consumer tenants with the goal of providing permanent supportive housing opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

They will continue to incorporate disability issues, particularly mobility/accessibility, in the 10-year plan to end homelessness implementation action steps.

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-EDUCATION-

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**Minority Family Support to Improve Education Outcomes**

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*Grant Summary*

The project's purpose is to improve educational services, retention, and postsecondary outcomes for minority children with disabilities. The project will fund minority family support programs to provide family assistance with navigating educational services (birth-26) and becoming active members of their children's educational experiences.

**Cross Project Evaluation of Minority Family Support to Improve Education Outcomes**

Organization: Wayne State University - Center for Urban Studies

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*Grant Summary*

Evaluate the demonstration projects in *Minority Family Support to Improve Education Outcomes*. Provide formative and summative evaluation across the projects, developing information that assists the projects in improving their operations, involves consumers, students and family members who are participating in the local projects, in every aspect of the evaluation, assesses the projects' processes, evaluates the projects' outcomes and analyzes the factors associated with achieving the targeted outcomes, allows the Council to compare the effects of different approaches in different communities, and is suitable for dissemination to others interested in developing similar programs.

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-TRANSPORTATION-

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**All Aboard! Michigan**

Organization: United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan

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*Grant Summary*

The project will partner with local disability organizations, transportation service providers, and people with disabilities in their communities to bring about needed systems change in public transportation. The project proposes to form a statewide coalition in order to gather information from both people with disabilities and transportation service providers, to compile that information into a comprehensive training, and to disseminate that information in three regional conferences and one statewide conference. The conferences will to help establish a common knowledge base about transportation issues and advocacy strategies around the state.

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-COMMUNITY SUPPORTS-

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**Michigan Partnership for Freedom**

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*Grant Summary*

The project will collaborate with people with disabilities and their families to enhance, expand and build demand for self-determination in Michigan. Michigan Partners for Freedom will provide training and technical assistance to local communities to help self-advocates and their families learn what self-determination could mean in their lives by providing information about how people's lives have changed by participating in arrangements that support self-determination, teaching them to recognize tools of real self-determination and to know whether their rights are being respected and help people with disabilities and their families learn to develop and support community links and contacts outside the paid for system of supports.

Fourteen community training events and three local leader training events were conducted in sixteen communities throughout Michigan. In addition, MPF presented at total of nine conferences, six statewide and three county conferences. The day long community training sessions included an overview of Self-Determination, how to implement the tools of Self-Determination (individual service budget, independent facilitation, fiscal intermediary and person-centered planning), and participation in a group learning activity and showing the Self-Determination video developed by MPF which highlights the lives of four individuals with SD arrangements.

**Including Our Neighbors**

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*Grant Summary*

The project's purpose is to fund a state-level project that will work with local groups to develop community efforts that create neighborhood level ownership of inclusion for people with developmental disabilities, especially for people with the highest support needs.

The state-level project will recruit local groups, then provide the funding and technical assistance to support them in neighborhood efforts to build caring relationships among area residents with developmental disabilities and their neighbors. The process will improve quality of life in such areas as social networks, housing, employment and other life areas, while supporting people with developmental disabilities in being contributing members of their communities.

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**-=QUALITY ASSURANCE=-**

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**Center for Creative Leadership**

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*Grant Summary*

The purpose of the project is to establish an ongoing, evolving Leadership Development Resource Center that creates an environment where people recognize their own power and organize themselves to create real improvements in the lives of persons with disabilities and their communities.

The Center will be organized for permanence, with real people to call, with easy access from anywhere in the state, so that people know where to find needed resources. The Center will link people to community based training so people with disabilities move into leadership positions in their community.

The Center will offer much more than training. As people take action, they need supports, encouragement, resources, and allies. The Center will help them respond to emerging issues, by providing support and training around those issues. It will create a network of allies in the community and around the state. The result will be better, more inclusive communities for everyone.

They have hosted three Leadership Development Seminars, supported 10 local leadership initiatives, entered over 2,000 opportunities into its database, and held a CONNECT retreat for college student activists with disabilities.

**Getting Active, Informing Communities**

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*Grant Summary*

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC), in partnership with Michigan Association of Centers for Independent Living (MACIL) and local sites who are participating in the Speak Out grant, will host 3 advocacy forums per year for 4 years at sites around the state. Participants will have a chance to use new software (GetActive) to quickly and easily write letters to their legislators and get up-to-date information on the success of advocacy efforts.

A Steering Committee has been created and partnerships with several organizations throughout the state have been established. Two forums were planned by local communities and implemented by MDRC staff.

**Public Input to DD Council's Planning Process**

Organization: United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan

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*Grant Summary:*

Obtain public input into the Council's planning process and develop strategies for the grants and other systems change activities in collaboration with people with developmental disabilities, their families and advocates, state agencies, state and local service providers and state and local advocacy organizations.

**Families and Individuals Planning for the Future**

Organization: The Arc Michigan

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The Arc Michigan, in collaboration with its statewide partners, will work with local partners to develop training on person centered planning and independent facilitation, self-determination, long term care options and financial planning. This training will be delivered in six regions. In addition, a toolkit and a website will be developed for individuals with disabilities and their families.

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--RICC MINI-GRANTS--

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**Monthly Television Show**

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*Grant Summary:*

MMI is providing support to a group of individuals with developmental disabilities in their pursuit of creating a half hour monthly television show on disability related topics of their choice. Individuals will be empowered through their activity on an advisory board and a production team working together to create a television show on disability topics used to influence their communities.

**Community Participation Initiative**

Organization: Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy

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*Grant Summary:*

The purpose of this project is to make it possible for children and adults with developmental disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of community recreational opportunities in Washtenaw County as they choose.

**Using Computer Technology to Increase Access**

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*Grant Summary:*

Computer technology and the internet have a tremendous potential to broaden the lives of people with disabilities through facilitating access to people and resources. This project is designed to increase the awareness and use of computer technology and the internet for persons with disabilities through training, access and use, understanding cyber safety, and developing opportunities for persons with disabilities to educate others about the role of technology in improving their quality of life.

**Financial Education for Everyone**

Organization: United Cerebral Palsy

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*Grant Summary:*

This project will provide financial education for everyone, including people with developmental disabilities, and people with the highest level of support needs by adapting the FDIC Money Smart Curriculum so that people with intellectual disabilities can learn ways to budget their income and expenses, resolve credit problems, and maintain a positive credit score, which will lead to greater independence and reduce a barrier to employment.

--HEALTH--

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**Smiles across Michigan**

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*Grant Summary*

The project will incorporate the oral health needs of people with developmental disabilities into the state's Plan of Action for Improving the Oral Health Status of Michigan Residents and provide advocacy support for the plan's implementation.

The project will conduct a statewide needs assessment using regional forums and/or other means to gather information on the oral health needs of person with developmental disabilities, analyze data gathered by region and contrast with national statistics, and use the information to develop a comprehensive State Oral Health Plan and an Oral Disease Burden document.