

Want to Learn More?

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Individual & Family Support, Education & Advocacy Workgroup

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Our Community Includes Everyone



Michigan Developmental
Disabilities Council



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Purpose: IFSEA provides support to individuals and families of children with developmental disabilities throughout their lifespan by:

- Educating people with disabilities and their families on supports, services and advocacy opportunities;
- Providing all students with access to supports, services and resources that will facilitate their self-determination and academic success;
- Supporting innovations in postsecondary education for all students, including those with intellectual disabilities.



What we do:

- Meet every month to discuss issues, priorities, strategies and progress.
- Provide information to people with disabilities and their families through seminars across the state.

- Provide testimony, write letters and advocate in support of comprehensive legislation for issues that affect individuals and families of people with disabilities.
- Develop information on the concept of self-determination, disability pride and distribute to parents, schools and school districts.
- Partner with Developmental Disabilities Institute and others to improve access to post secondary education options for students with developmental disabilities.
- Develop talking points and council policy papers on key issues.



Objectives:

- Information dissemination : literature, hosting informational seminars, webinars, and internet resources
- Advocate: for people with disabilities and their families and for better transitions across lifespan
- Introduce: self-determination, universal education, transition services and aging issues

Statewide Partner

Organizations:

- The ARC Michigan
- Developmental Disabilities Institute, Wayne State
- Michigan Protection & Advocacy Services
- Michigan Disability Rights Coalition
- ARC Kent County
- Family-to-Family Health, Education and Information Center
- Michigan Department of Education
- Deaf Blind Central
- Michigan Alliance for Families

Why you should join:

- To advocate to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.
- To learn about education and family support resources.
- To inform others about what needs to change.