

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

*A Family Resource Guide to our Council and Disability
Services in Michigan*

Our Community Includes Everyone



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About the Council

The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council works to support people with developmental disabilities to achieve life dreams. The 21-member Council is appointed by the Governor and includes people with developmental disabilities, family members, and allies from other organizations.

The Council works to ensure that the voices of people with disabilities are heard. The Council works with its community partners to create and sustain opportunities for housing, education, transportation, employment, health, recreation, and any other experience of American life. Its outreach includes support for all families, recognizing diversity, and supporting grassroots advocacy. The Council informs people about the political process, sponsors a legislative event every year, and promotes voting and other activities that increase the political voice of those with disabilities.

The Council also funds grants to local agencies as well as its Regional Interagency Consumer Committees (RICCs) that are in most counties of Michigan. The RICCs provide insight into local problems in their communities, as well as celebrate the successes in creating inclusive communities. The Council also has many workgroups and committees that are open to anyone and work to support and advise the council on the best ways to reach its goals.

Inside you will find detailed information on our work groups and committees as well as our Five Year Strategic State Plan and our 2009-2010 Public Policy Platform. These describe all of the projects that our Council is involved in. You will also find facts on developmental disabilities, and various resources available to you and your family.

Vision: The Vision of the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council is that all citizens of Michigan have the opportunities and supports to achieve their full potential.

Mission: To support people with developmental disabilities to achieve life dreams.

Workgroups and Committees

The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council uses its work group and committee structure to identify and receive input to bring to the Council regarding major concerns about the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Work groups are issue-specific and are designed to assist with the implementation of the Five Year State Plan in their respective area. Work groups use information gained from Council grants to assist in building capacity and promoting system change with activity that will contribute to goal achievement or problem reduction. Work groups identify issues, clarify priorities, develop and identify approaches and recommend objectives and projects to the Strategic Plan.

Committees are broader in scope than work groups. Committees provide a forum for the development of sound policy for the Council. Committees provide a structure for educating policy makers, department directors, and legislators on legislation, rules, and policy that affect the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Committees use the products of the work groups to develop policy for the Council. Committees identify and implement strategies that set priorities for the Council.

Committees

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee directs the policy of the Council and implementation of the Strategic Five Year State Plan, as well as oversees the function of the entire Council and its operations. The Executive Committee acts on behalf of the Council between Council meetings. The Executive Committee consists of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, Council of RICC Chairs (CRC) chairperson, chairpersons of standing committees, and a maximum of two other members of the Council appointed by the chairperson.

Program Committee:

The mission of the Program Committee is to assure the Council's impact on improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Benefits of being a member of this committee may include oversight of the Council's active grants, planning the Council's future projects, and staying in contact with key advocates around the state.

For more information on the program committee, contact Cheryl Trommater at 517-334-7023 or trommater@michigan.gov.

Public Policy Committee:

The Public Policy Committee contributes to and advocates for integrated public policy for persons with disabilities. These policies enhance the ability to be independent, productive and fully included in community life. The committee provides a forum for the development of sound public policy relating to persons with disabilities and provides a structure for influencing legislation.

For more information on the public policy committee, contact Tandy Bidinger at 517-334-7355 or bidingert@michigan.gov.

Diversity Committee

The Diversity Committee was formed to ensure that the DD Council and all its activities become more cultural competent so that people with disabilities from diverse populations, can achieve equity of access and participation.

The committee advances the diversity issue throughout the council, placing value on all individuals and the different perspectives of those individuals, and promoting the process for all to feel included as part of the whole. Diversity includes race, gender, creed, age, life-style, national origin, disability, personality, educational background, and income level.

For more information on the diversity committee, contact Mitzi Allen at 517-334-7240 or sharp@michigan.gov.

Work Groups

Family Support Work Group:

The goal of the Family Support Work Group is to increase the quality, availability, and range of family support services statewide and to expand awareness of the need and benefits of these services. The workgroup gathers information on resources as well as identify policy issues related to family support and disseminates the information to families. The work group outreaches to identify parent leaders and holds meetings throughout the state to increase awareness. The Family Support work group's website is <http://www.bridges4kids.org/fswg/index.htm>.

For more information on the Family Support Work Group, contact Tracy Vincent at 517-334-7342 or vincentr@michigan.gov.

Education Work Group:

The Education Work Group monitors the Council's projects and emerging changes in public education in Michigan, and develops an Education Work Plan for future Council action. The work group supports universal education and the Council's position is that children and young adults are best educated in natural educational settings that are not segregated with respect to disability or any other dimension of human diversity.

For more information on the Education Work Group, contact Yasmina Bouraoui at 517-334-7298 or bouraouiy@michigan.gov.

Transportation Work Group

The Transportation Work Group supports and advocates for increased availability of transportation services that are accessible. Accessibility means public transportation that is affordable, available and reliable for everyone in Michigan, including people with disabilities. The work group is constantly identifying and recruiting new members who represent a cross-section of state and local transit providers and advocacy groups.

For more information on the Transportation work group, contact Tandy Bidinger at 517-334-7355 or bidingert@michigan.gov.

Health Issues Work Group:

The Health Issues Work Group advocates for an increase in the quality, availability and range of health care supports and services for people with disabilities statewide. The workgroup addresses key health issues, develops an advocacy agenda for Council consideration, and identifies health issue projects for potential Council funding.

For more information on the Health Issues Work Group, contact Terry Hunt at 517-334-7301 or huntt@michigan.gov.

Housing Work Group:

The Council uses the Housing Work Group to find out about the housing needs of people with disabilities, the housing options open to them, and the help they need to live where and as they choose. The work group also informs policy makers and the public about the Council's housing efforts. As a member you can learn about funding for housing, laws and rules, and you can help to inform the Council and have a say in what it does about housing.

For more information on the Housing Work Group, contact Cheryl Trommater at 517-334-7023 or trommater@michigan.gov.

Regional Interagency Consumer Committees (RICCs)

The Council has local, grassroots advocacy groups called RICCs in most counties in Michigan. The RICCs are made up of community members with disabilities and they provide a forum for discussing issues affecting the local area. The RICCs are a source of information for the Council as it works to improve the quality of life statewide for persons with disabilities.

Through local programs, networking, political action and hands-on advocacy, RICCs work to see people taking control of their own lives by making their own choices. RICCs partner with allies, such as Centers for Independent Living, ARC chapters, and other resources to make changes in their community. A RICC can also help its members learn critical information, build confidence and develop leadership skills.

For more information on RICCs and to find a RICC near you, please contact Terry Hunt at 517-334-7301 or huntt@michigan.gov.

The Council Depends on the Community!

The Council is always looking for new members for its committees, workgroups, and RICCs. If you are a person with a disability, a family member, or ally of the disability community and wish to help the Council make a difference, please contact us for more information on how to get involved. The Council could not achieve its goals without the help from citizens across Michigan and their dedication to the Council's mission.

The DD Community Update Newsletter

To be added to the email or hard copy mailing list for our monthly newsletter, The DD Community Update, please contact Laura Robertson at 517-334-7288 or robertsonl@michigan.gov. Laura is always welcoming success stories from RICCs and individuals as well as news and information for the newsletter.

The newsletter provides information on issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families, such as health reform, transportation, family support, and current legislation, among others. It keeps readers up to date with upcoming events, seminars, and workshops. It also celebrates community success stories across Michigan.

The newsletter, as well as all Council brochures and publications are available on our website at www.michigan.gov/ddcouncil !

What is Developmental Disability?

The Council's Position*:

It is the position of the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council that disability is a part of the human experience. People with disabilities have specific rights as well as responsibilities. Disability is an ongoing factor in people's lives, occurring at any age, and on a temporary or permanent basis.

People with disabilities and their families are capable and creative and must have key decision-making roles in policies, programs, and services that affect their lives. The supports that enable person with disabilities and their families to enjoy full participation in their community must be provided with respect for individual dignity, personal goals, preferences, and cultural differences. It is imperative that the persons providing supports are knowledgeable in the principles of inclusion, both personal and community, and that they apply this knowledge throughout all environments.

The challenge is for all communities to accept and celebrate the diversity of their members, for this diversity adds a richness and fullness to their makeup. In this ever-changing global community, all community members must learn to live with and respect each other's individual differences and rights. Community support and involvement of all its members are essential for full participation and acceptance in our society.

State's Application of the Federal Definition of Developmental Disabilities*:

Developmental disabilities are severe, chronic impairments that occur at an early age, usually in the developmental stages of life. They have an impact on an individual's functional ability to perform major life activities. They are likely to continue indefinitely and require the individual to acquire regular, ongoing services. The Administration on Developmental Disabilities operates under a federal definition cited in the DD Act.

**From the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Five-Year Strategic State Plan 2009-2011*

What is Self-determination?

Self-determination means having control over your own life. In the public mental health system, it means control over funding for the services you receive – real power to make decisions about your life.

Self-determination is a core value of the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council. It empowers people with developmental disabilities to achieve life dreams, which is the mission of the Council.

The Michigan Department of Community Health guidelines on self-determination describe four principles:

- Freedom – to choose how to live your life, where you live, who lives with you, what you do and where you go in your community
- Authority – to control a set amount of money you use to buy what you need to live your life
- Support – to get the help you need to live the way you want to live
- Responsibility – to use public dollars wisely and to contribute to your community.

Self-determination offers many opportunities such as: quality education, where you live and work, transportation, and community involvement.

Want to learn more about self-determination? Contact your Supports Coordinator at Community Mental Health. Your supports Coordinator will help you develop a person-centered plan and a budget for supports and services you need.

What is Person-Centered Planning?

Person-centered planning puts you in control of the choices that affect your life. The people you choose, such as family and friends, will listen and help you take charge of your life. The person-centered plan helps you make your own decisions, develop your potential, and become a contributing member of your community.

Today, person-centered planning is the law (Michigan Mental Health Code 1993). This law upholds that each person receiving developmental disability or mental health services can plan his or her own life. This law also says any agency or worker who serves your interests must abide by the choices made in your plan.

To make a plan, work with people you trust. These can be family, friends, neighbors, or professionals with whom you feel comfortable. Answer these questions when making a plan:

What do you want your life to be like? Where do you want to live, and with whom? What kind of job do you want? What are your interests? What kinds of everyday choices do you want to make?

Then use the answers to these questions to figure out what you need to make these things happen, such as:

- What services and supports will you need?
- Who do you want to provide those services and supports?
- What skills do you want to develop?
- What are your responsibilities for making your choices reality?

Person-centered planning is a great way to exercise your self-determination. Planning for your own life is the first step to becoming independent and responsible for the way you live.

Talk with your family and support person at the Community Mental Health office to start working on your plan today!

What is Respite Care?

Respite is a type of support that may be available to families of children with developmental disabilities (DD) or serious emotional disturbance (SED). Respite by definition means “relief.” Respite care gives families an opportunity for help for care giving responsibilities.

Respite is different from daycare or traditional childcare because it is provided on an intermittent or short-term basis to provide the parent with a break.

Caring for a child with special needs is a hard job that has many challenges, and respite is designed to strengthen the family by providing support and breaks from childcare.

Your local Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP) can help determine whether your child is eligible for Community Mental Health Specialty Services and Supports, including respite services. This is determined through an assessment.

If your child is Medicaid enrolled and your child is eligible for CMHSP services, your child may be eligible for respite. The service must meet the ‘Medical Necessity Criteria’ for the CMHSP to pay for it. For more information on Medical Necessity Criteria, you can ask your supports coordinator or go to the Department of Community Health website at www.michigan.gov/mdch.

If your child is not Medicaid eligible but is eligible for CMHSP services and supports, the cost of respite services will be decided based on your family’s ability to pay.

Contact your local CMHSP for more information.

The Family Support Subsidy Program

Michigan has a program to help families who care for their children with severe disabilities at home. The Family Support Subsidy Program can pay for special expenses the family has while caring for their child. This support may help prevent or delay placements outside the home. In other cases, the program may provide the funds necessary to allow children to return from placements outside the home.

This program is important because it allows families to stay together, rather than being separated from their child because they don't have the supports necessary to care for them in the home.

Who is Eligible?

Families may be eligible for this program if they have a child under the age of 18 who has been recommended by a local or intermediate school district's multidisciplinary evaluation team with a category of:

- Cognitive impairment (CI)
- Severe multiple impairment (SXI) or
- Autism spectrum disorder.

In cases where the child is not receiving special education services, parents may contact the director of special education at the local or intermediate school district. They can also call Early On/Project Find at 1-800-252-0052.

How to Apply

You can get and turn in applications for the subsidy program at local offices of Michigan's Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs). Your local CMHSP determines eligibility.

A list of Michigan CMHSPs are listed at the end of this guide, and are found in most telephone books. Or you can the family support subsidy office in Lansing at 517-241-5773 (TTY 517-373-3573).

Children's Waiver Program

The Children's Waiver Program (CWP) is another important service that helps keep children with disabilities within the home and not in institutions due to the family's lack of resources. The CWP is available to eligible children under 18 with developmental disabilities.

The CWP enables children to remain in their parent's home or return to their parent's home from out-of-home placements, while receiving regular Medicaid State Plan services (i.e., case management, private duty nursing) and waiver services, regardless of their parent's income.

The waiver services include:

- Family training
- Non-family training
- Specialty services (music, recreation, art, therapy)
- Community living supports
- Transportation
- Respite care
- Environmental Accessibility adaptations
- Specialty medical equipment

The program is currently designed to serve 435 children statewide. A waiting list is maintained, using a priority rating system to add new children to the program when openings occur.

To request more information regarding eligibility or to submit a prescreen application for the program contact your local Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP). A listing of CMHSPs is at the end of this guide.

Children's Special Health Care Services

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) is a program within the Michigan Department of Community Health. It is for children and some adults with special health care needs and their families.

CSHCS helps with:

- Paying specialty medical bills
- Coordinating services from multiple providers
- Learning about specialty providers like doctors, hospitals and clinics
- Coordinating health insurance benefits
- Covering co-pays or deductibles

CSHCS helps with Coverage and Referral for specialty services, based on your child's health problems. It also provides many services, including:

- Family-centered services to support you in the role of primary caretaker
- Community-Based Services you help you care for your child at home and maintain normal routines
- Culturally Competent Services that demonstrate an awareness of cultural differences
- Coordinated Services to pull together the services of many providers who work within different agencies.

Eligibility

Children must have a qualifying medical condition and be 20 years old or under. Persons 21 and over with cystic fibrosis or certain blood clotting disorders also may qualify for services.

CSHCS covers more than 2,000 diagnoses. To see if your child qualifies call the toll-free Family Phone Line at 1-800-359-3722.

Children with Special Needs Fund

The Fund provides services and equipment to children with special health care needs that are not available through any other funding source. The Fund is administered through the Michigan Department of Community Health and is funded entirely by private dollars.

Eligibility

Families with a child enrolled, or medically eligible to enroll, in the Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Program may apply to the Children with Special Needs Fund. Contact the CSHCS office in your local health department to find out if your child is eligible.

Supports Offered

The Fund provides partial or full payment for items including but not limited to:

- Wheelchair ramps into homes
- Van lifts and tie downs
- Therapeutic tricycles
- Air conditioners
- Adaptive recreational equipment
- Electrical service upgrades necessitated by the eligible child's equipment.

To apply for assistance from the Fund, contact the CSHCS office in your local health department for an application and assistance with the process. You may also contact the Fund directly at 517-241-7420, or the CSHCS Family Phone Line at 800-359-3722, or log on to www.michigan.gov/csnfund.

Early On Michigan

Early On assists families with infants and toddlers, from birth until they turn 36 months or 3 years of age, who may be experiencing delays in their development or if they have a diagnosed disability.

After a child has been referred to *Early On*, the family is provided with a notice of referral and a request for permission to conduct an evaluation of their child's development as part of the eligibility determination for *Early On* supports and services.

If eligible, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed to guide the early intervention process with families. The IFSP contains information about the services necessary to facilitate a child's development and enhance the family's capacity to support the child's development.

Through the IFSP process, family members and service providers work as a team to plan, implement, and evaluate services specific to the family's concerns, priorities, and available resources. A service coordinator helps the family by coordinating the services outlined in the IFSP. Since *Early On* services continue only until age three, transition steps are outlined in the IFSP to support the child and family's transition out of *Early On*.

Anyone can make a referral for an *Early On* evaluation if it is suspected that the child is developmentally delayed or has a physical or mental condition highly associated with developmental delay. Those who make routine referrals to us are called, "primary referral sources". They can include hospitals, physicians, parents, child care providers, local education agencies, public health facilities, and other social service providers.

To make a referral: Call: 1-800-Early-On (1-800-327-5966)

TTY: 517-668-2505 available for the Deaf and or Hard of Hearing

Fax: 517-668-0446

Visit <http://1800earlyon.org/index.php> to email referrals or for more information. You can also order free informational brochures.

Michigan Alliance for Families

Michigan Alliance for families offers comprehensive information and referrals on all disability and education issues involving children and young adults from birth to age 26. Services include one-on-one support, online and printed resource information, and referrals to the appropriate community resources.

The Michigan Alliance for Families staff is made up of parents of individuals with disabilities who have experience with all aspects of the educational system. Individuals who call the toll-free number 800-552-4821 seeking information are connected to a Regional Parent Mentor in their area.

Regional Parent Mentors

The Alliance provides these mentors with expertise in disability and educational issues at each regional site. They are knowledgeable about community resources, including organizations, professionals, and other parents who might be of assistance. The Mentors host a series of learning opportunities for parents in each region. These opportunities include:

- Individualized education programs (IEPs)
- Individualized family service plans (IFSPs)
- Mediation and facilitated IEPs
- Overview of IDEA
- Transitions
- Positive behavioral supports
- Assistive technology
- Parent/professional collaboration
- Rights and responsibilities

The Michigan Alliance for Families efforts align with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to help improve results for children with disabilities. The Alliance can assist you in knowing your rights, effectively communicating your children's needs, and advising how to help your child develop and learn.

CAUSE- Citizen's Alliance to Uphold Special Education

CAUSE is state-wide nonprofit coalition providing free information, support, referral, advocacy, and workshops to parents and professionals working with children with disabilities and special needs.

CAUSE has a nationally recognized website, www.causeonline.org, which provides timely information on topics in both special and general education. CAUSE monitors national, state, and local issues and reports on them in *The CAUSE Advocate* newsletter. CAUSE also supports a network of parent support groups through sponsorships, listservs and training.

CAUSE offers many workshops, including:

- IDEA 2004
- IFSP/Early Childhood
- Basic Rights
- ADHD
- Advocacy That Succeeds
- Bullying
- Communication Skills
- Positive Behavior Support
- Surrogate Parent Training
- Transition
- Other Requested Topics

To contact CAUSE, call toll-free 800-221-9105. The Lansing office number is 517-886-9167 and the TYY 888-814-4013. They can also be emailed at info@causeonline.org.

Family-Centered Planning

The idea behind family-centered planning is that families are central, and are the primary people to promote child health and well-being. Family-centered planning is family specific, and works to enhance parenting competence and confidence to make fully informed choices about their child.

This plan respects an individual family's culture, traditions, and customs, and reflects the uniqueness of the family. To create a Family Action Plan, it is important to review your family's strengths and culture. You should also brainstorm all options and strategies and then choose which ones are best for your family. Then establish who will be responsible to ensure implementation.

Talk with your local Community Mental Health Service Provider to learn more about family-centered planning and how they can help you start your plan today!

Family-to-Family Health Information & Education Center (F2FHIEC)

The goal of the Family-to-Family Health Information & Education Center (F2FHIEC) is to improve access to quality care and supports for children with special needs in their communities by empowering families.

The F2FHIEC is led by parents who understand the issues that families face and help them make their own informed decisions. F2FHIEC staff provides information and options, offer resources, and tap into a network of other families and professionals for support and information.

The staff matches you to other families based on your child's community, diagnosis, experience, and interests. The staff also gives you information and referral on services such as:

- Community Mental Health Agencies
- Disability Rights Services
- Early intervention/special education services

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- Genetic services and counseling
- Prescription assistance programs
- Public health insurance programs
- Transition (educational, vocational and independent living) resources

All services are free. The F2FHIEC also has a library of books, videos, and resources you can borrow on: talking to your child's doctor, disability specific information, and medical related topics.

The F2FHIEC website, www.bridges4kids.org/f2f is designed as a virtual center for information, education, and parent-to-parent support. The site has Listservs that allow you to join topic-specific groups. There are also on-site and on-line training opportunities offered by F2FHIEC and other organizations.

For more information, visit their site or call 1-800-359-3722 or email: fccyshcn@michigan.gov.

Family and Disability Resources

ACCESS Education of Michigan

(888) 834-4340

Email: deborablake@aol.com

Web: <http://accesseducationmi.com>

Provides advocacy, consultation and training throughout southern and central Michigan. Advocates include a former education hearing officer (IHO), experienced special education teacher, and other professionals.

ARC Michigan

(517) 487-5426; (800) 292-7851

Web: <http://www.arcmi.org/>

Advocacy Services for Kids

(269) 343-5896; (269) 978-0287 (fax)

Email: mail@askforkids.org

Web: <http://www.askforkids.org>

ASK provides support, training, and advocacy to families raising children with special mental health needs. We offer parent support groups, individual support, and other assistance.

Association for Children's Mental Health

(517) 372-4016; (888) 226-4543; (517) 372-4032 (fax)

Email: acmhadmin@sbcglobal.net

Web: <http://www.acmh-mi.org>

Provide support, information and advocacy to parents of children with emotional, behavioral, or mental health disorders.

Autism Asperger Associates of Michigan LLC

(616) 874-2090

Email: kpriem@autism-asperger-associates.com

Web: <http://www.autism-asperger-associates.com>

Provides social skill training, parent workshops and family activities for students of all ages. Behavioral and educational consultation available by board certified behavior analysts and certified educational staff.

The Autism Society of Michigan

(517) 882-2800; (800) 223-6722; (517) 882-2816 (fax)

Email: autism@autism-mi.org

Web: <http://www.autism-mi.org>

ASM is committed to empowering individuals with autism and their families by offering educational resources and materials, workshops, seminars and other services.

Bridges4Kids

(517) 381-0528; (517) 381-0531 (fax); (877) 553-KIDS (toll free)

Email: info@bridges4kids.org

Web: <http://www.bridges4kids.org>

A non-profit parent organization providing a comprehensive system of information and referral for parents of children from birth through transition to adult life.

Capital Area Down Syndrome Association (CADSA)

(517) 575-4308

Email: lansingdownsyndrome@yahoo.com

Web: <http://lansingdownsyndrome.org>

Provide support and advocacy for people with Down syndrome and family members. Visit our website to find out about monthly meetings and special events.

Center for Educational Networking (CEN)

(800) 593-9146, (517) 541-1318, (517) 321-6101, (517) 541-1351 (fax)

Email: info@cenmi.org

Web: www.cenmi.org

CEN is a Michigan Department of Education statewide education information network. CEN produces and distributes newsletters, brochures, and other education materials in print and electronic formats.

Fragile X Association of Michigan

Email: fraxmich@hotmail.com

Web: www.fragilex.org/html/michigan.htm

Local organization providing information, support, conferences and other services.

Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan

(517) 485-8160; (888) 597-7809

Email: ldami@aol.com

Web: <http://www.ldaofmichigan.org>

MATR: Michigan's Assistive Technology Resource

(989) 224-0333 (V/TTY); (800) 274-7426

Web: <http://www.cenmi.org/matr>

Michigan Alliance for Families

(800) 552-4821

Email: Khalilah@arcmi.org

Web: <http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org>

Resources include information, referrals, one-on-one support, and a lending library all of which can be accessed through the toll-free line, web site, or e-mail.

Michigan Commission for the Blind

(800) 292-4200; (517) 373-2062; (517) 335-5140 (fax)

Email: turneys@michigan.gov

Web: <http://www.michigan.gov/mcb>

Serves students from birth to 26 years of age by providing low-vision exams and low-vision devices worn on the head. MCB also provides services for students to help them make a successful transition from high school to postsecondary education or employment.

Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns and Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing

(877) 499-6232 (voice/TTY); (517) 334-6637 (fax)

Web: http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-28077_28545---,00.html

We serve as an advocate and an information and technical assistance source for employers, state and local government, people with disabilities, families, and the general public.

State Department of Education: Special Education

Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

Department of Education

(517) 373-9433

Web: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6525_6530_6598---,00.html

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc.

(517) 487-1755 (V/TTY); (800) 288-5923 (V/TTY)

Email: molson@mpas.org

Web: <http://www.mpas.org/>

Parents of Children with Down Syndrome

(248) 646-0819; (248) 250-1297; (248) 594-9658 (fax)

Email: dugginsp@comcast.net

Web: <http://www.pcdsmi.org>

REACH FOR KIDS

(269) 384-2270; (269) 207-2527; (269) 384-3319 (fax)

Email: lscasper@ameritech.net

Provides Special Education Advocacy, Consultant and Tutorial Services for Southwestern Michigan.

United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan

(517) 203-1200; (800) 828-2714; (517) 203-1203 (fax)

Email: ucp@ucpmichigan.org

Web: <http://www.ucpmichigan.org>

United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan provides information, individual advocacy, referrals, publications, workshops, website and state level public policy advocacy for people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities in Michigan.

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Developmental Disabilities Institute, Wayne State University

(313) 577-2654

Email: B_Le_Roy@wayne.edu

Web: www.wayne.edu/DDI

For more resources, visit:

<http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/mi.htm>

<http://www.disabilityresources.org>

<http://www.michigan.gov/disabilityresources>

<http://mdrd.state.mi.us/>

Michigan Department of Community Health

Community Mental Health Services Programs

Allegan County CMH Services

Beth Durkee, Interim Director
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PO Drawer 130
Allegan, Michigan 49010
bdurkee@accmhs.org
269-673-6617 or 800-795-6617 Voice
269-673-6617 or 800-795-6617 24-Hour Crisis
269-686-5216 TDD/TTY
269-673-2738 Fax
A Member of the Southwest MI Urban &
Rural Consortium

AuSable Valley CMH Services

Floyd R. Smith, Ph.D., Executive Director
1199 West Harris Avenue
PO Box 310
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989-362-8636 Voice
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