BENEFITS OF BEING A PARTNER ORGANIZATION

♦ Advertise your leadership programs to numerous leaders throughout Michigan.
♦ Increase diversity of participants in your programs.
♦ Receive technical assistance and support in creating inclusive programs.
♦ Provide support to emerging leaders as they develop and grow.
♦ Become part of a network of allies creating system changes and building inclusive communities.
♦ Become an ally to the disability rights community.

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~ Laurie White Huron County RICC

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MISSION STATEMENT
To engage people with disabilities in the leadership process, support them as they participate, and provide tools to turn their vision into reality.

WHAT DOES CCL OFFER?
LeaderLINKS
A statewide database of more than 1,700 leadership opportunities. This is a great way to advertise your organization, increase diversity, and bring more people with disabilities into your programs.

We Lead! Curriculum
An inclusive program in which participants engage in leadership development by planning and implementing a community service project. Receive this curriculum and staff training on how to implement the program.

Technical Assistance (TA)
Do you want to create a leadership program, but don’t know where to start? Do you already have a program and want to see if it is inclusive of people with disabilities? CCL provides support and TA to organizations that host leadership development programs or who promote leadership development in their community.

CONNECT
Statewide network connecting college students with disabilities involved with student disability organizations on their campuses to each other and the resources available to them in their communities. Gain access to college student leaders from colleges and universities across the state of Michigan.

Informed Communities
CCL holds two to four public forums yearly which assist people with disabilities, their families, and allies understand national, state, and local disability issues; participate in public policy discussions; and take action on issues affecting their lives. Your organization can learn about public policy issues affecting the disability community and identify ways you can take action.

Lejuste’s Three Dimensions of Leadership
A model of leadership development focusing on three dimensions—self, community, and visionary. Learn about the model, attend trainings, and apply the model to the work of your organization.

Financial Support
CCL provides funding to organizations implementing leadership programs. The Cookie Gant Scholarship Fund provides financial support to people to attend leadership development related events.

“I apply the model in my work as a commissioner - self-esteem, vision, community action.”
~ Els Nieuwenhuijsen the Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues

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