

Disability Right Michigan (DRM) Quarter 4 (July-September)

- Staff met with MRS Policy director and division directors to Driver Assistance Policy, Pre-ETS Services, vendors no longer working with MRS resulting from their rate restructuring, MRS struggling with clients with higher levels of education to provide them the appropriate services, vehicle modification policy and process.
- Staff provided trainings for 19 MRS Detroit Renaissance District staff, 20 Michigan Alliance for Families staff and 10 BSBP West Region District staff.
- CAP Director attended Michigan Council for Rehab Services (MCRS).
- Staff continue to attend MRS policy cadre meetings - This quarter we reviewed Training Adult Secondary/Education, comparable benefits, Pre-ETS and transition services.
- Michigan Employment Clinic (MI-EC). MI-EC hired 5 interns for the fall semester, 3 from Cornell and 2 from MSU. They will be meeting with clients to support them in finding employment, working on content for the website, and conducting outreach to employers. Mi-EC also begin to schedule meetings with clients in mid-September to assist jobseekers with a disability and/or a criminal record to find employment and they also can schedule a virtual meeting.
- Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA). Staff continue to meet quarterly with WIPA staff- This quarter we received information about Changes, procedures, and presentation for Michigan Rehabilitation Services referrals.
- DRM attended a baseball game at the Lignuts Stadium to feature one of their employees and his transition success on social media.
- Michigan Association on Higher Education and Disabilities (MI- AHED). Staff met to discuss the new law for service animals in training for state of Michigan.
- Michigan Interagency Transition Team (MITT). Staff continue to attend monthly MITT meetings and planned for an August presentation to Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education. Staff also met with an outside advocate, SILC, DD Council, Children's Special Health Care, Children's Special Health Care and discussed to expanding Employment for youth with DD and Supportive Decision Making. MITT has a pilot that will be rolling out in Ottawa County. The outcomes tracked from the pilot in the first year will help

determine the tangible resources that can be shared with staff, families, and youth. MITT will also be involved throughout the year with providing support and TA as needed.

- Employment marketing continued this quarter. DRM outlined a campaign to increase awareness of transition services. The campaign combined various strategies. DRM attended a game at the Lugenuts Stadium to feature Kyle and his transition success on social media. Staff continued to post on social media sites and through the e-newsletter on Employment and Transition services.