

# Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services (MCRS) Partner Report – May 8, 2025



INDEPENDENCE | COMMUNITY | INCLUSION

VISION: A Michigan where all people experience optimal independence and a meaningful, engaged life.

MISSION: Through advocacy, innovation, education, and leadership development we empower our members to achieve their mission.

Incompass Michigan members help thousands of Michigan residents to live, work, and play in the community, providing Employment Services (Job Development, Job Coaching, Skill Building, Micro-Enterprise Development, Pre-Employment Transition, Mental Health Services, Supports Coordination, Autism Supports, Peer Mentoring, Community Living Supports, Residential, Transportation, Arts, Clubhouse, Respite Care).

## CURRENT PRIORITIES

### ADVOCACY:

- Potential cuts to Medicaid
- Behavioral Health System Design
- Direct Care Worker Wages

### INNOVATION:

- Social Enterprise development project with SBAM

### EDUCATION:

- ACRE Certificate in Employment Services with Emphasis on Customized Employment; Job Coaching
- Spring Leadership Conference (next page)

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Pathway – Foundation, Academy, Continuum

# EDUCATION PRIORITIES

## For 2025

- **Leadership Conference**

- **Thursday 6/4**

- Employment Law Update - Lindsay Raymond
- Systems Change and Provider Readiness – Michael Christy
- Cost of Care Analysis – Anya Eliassen
- Artificial Intelligence – Brian Perron
- Incompass MI Annual Meeting
- Networking Happy Hour

- **Friday 6/5**

- Networking Breakfast
- Roundtable Discussions – VR, AI, DEI, Outcome Measures, and more
- Innovations in Outcome Measures – Brian Aberly
- Leadership and the Direct Care Workforce- Kimika Garrett
- Michigan Legislative and Political Update - Malcolm Kletke
- Fundraising – Christie Perdue and Anthony Rupard
- Social Enterprise Development - TBD
- Federal Nonprofit Landscape – Kelley Kuhn