

Michigan Alliance for Families

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Who We Are

Michigan Alliance for Families is our state's federally funded Parent Training and Information Center. We are a Michigan Department of Education IDEA Grant Funded Initiative. The efforts of Michigan Alliance for Families align with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to help improve results for children with disabilities.

Core Services

- Providing Information and Referral resources at the local and state level
- Mentoring to increase parent involvement in the Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) and leadership roles
- Collaborative learning, Leaders in Policy Advocacy (LIPA), and webinar trainings to increase parent knowledge and skill acquisition
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Data Collection

- Quality and relevance of core services are measured through training surveys, service needs assessments, follow-up surveys, and individual interviews
- Data reflects a statistically significant increase in parent knowledge/participation and IEP satisfaction between initial and follow-up assessments

Recent Events

- May 2-3, 2025: Youth Summit in Livonia, MI, with separate training for youth and parents
- In-school workshops for students, "My IEP" and "My Transition Plan"
- Leaders in Policy Advocacy (LIPA) training for self-advocates and parents
- Live and on-demand webinars on transition, employment, self-determination, and the transition process
- New one-page worksheets on college admissions process for youth with disabilities and tuition-free community college