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ADVOCACY/LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



Michigan Developmental
Disabilities Council

Interested in taking your leadership and advocacy skills to a higher level? The Arc Michigan is pleased to offer an intensive leadership training program for adults with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities. Leaders in Policy Advocacy, a grant project funded by the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council and administered by The Arc Michigan, will support participants to become leaders in the movement for people with disabilities to claim full, productive lives in their communities. Participants will learn about disability history, inclusive education, assistive technology, self-determination, person-centered planning, social media, systems change, access to employment, housing and recreation and more!

Participation requires a significant time commitment. Six (6) weekend sessions begin with check-in on the first day (a Friday) at 12:30 p.m. and end on the second day (a Saturday) at 3:00 p.m. There is no cost to participate in the training. Download [more information](#) and [application](#).

If you would like to apply to participate, or just want more information, please contact Salli Christenson at the Arc Michigan. She can be reached at 800 292-7851, ext. 130 or salli.c@arcmi.org [top](#)

LEADERS IN POLICY ADVOCACY SESSION DATES: 2014

Session 1: Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th

Session 2: Friday, May 9th and May 10th

Session 3: Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14th

Session 4: Friday, July 11th and Saturday, July 12th

Session 5: Friday, August 8th and Saturday, August 9th

Session 6: Friday, Sept., 12th and Saturday, Sept., 13th

Preference will be given to applicants who reside in the following counties: Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Alpena, Oscoda, Crawford, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Emmet and Charlevoix.

Training location: Hampton Inn, Gaylord



ADVOCACY/LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Michigan DEC is committed to promoting parent-professional collaboration in all facets of planning, designing, and implementing programs and services for young children.

Respect for family values, diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and family circumstance are integral considerations in Michigan DEC's prevention and intervention efforts.

Michigan DEC supports infants and young children with special needs and their families by promoting collaboration and communication among organizations, practitioners and family members.

Michigan DEC is seeking family leaders to serve and advise MI DEC on its Government Relations Committee and Parent Involvement Committees. Family Leaders Interested in serving on the Government Relations Committee can contact Deb Lively at: dlively@svsu.edu. While those interested in being involved on the Parent Involvement Committee may contact Lisa Cook-Gordon at: lisacookgordon@michiganfamilyvoices.org.

Your Pity, Our Pride: Why Disability Identity Matters

It's essential for both people with disabilities and service professionals to understand the disability community's culture, heritage, and history and the important role this can play in one's own identity. Through discussion, group activities, personal stories, and a short video, we will explore the topic of a proud identity. We will identify ways social workers can help people with disabilities gain self-acceptance, and realize the power they can have in their own life and in the community.



Learning Objectives:

1. Gain an understanding of the various definitions of disability and begin the process of a philosophical shift in their own view of disability while exploring the concepts disability identity and pride
2. Examine the important role that disability history, culture, and pride play in the lives of people with disabilities
3. Discuss ways that social workers can support the development of pride and power in the lives of the people with disabilities they work with

February 28th, 2014
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
NASW Michigan Office
741 N Cedar, Suite 100
Lansing, Michigan 48906

Contact: Tricia McCarthy
tmccarthy@nasw-michigan.org
Phone: (517) 487-1548, ext.16

Presenter: Melinda Haus-Johnson, MSW
& Theresa Squires, CPSS

Rethinking Guardianship - Facilitating Life-Long Self Determination with Dohn Hoyle, Executive Director of Arc Michigan

This workshop is for families whose child has a developmental disability, as well as service providers working with students and their families.

This workshop covers: Guardianship from a historical perspective strangers as guardians and alternatives:

- How can I advocate for my adult child?
- What are alternatives to guardianship?
- What is power of attorney?
- How can medical and financial decisions be handled?
- How can we best support students as they transition to adulthood?

March 12, 2014
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
2/42 Community Center - Lower Level
7526 West Grand River Avenue
Brighton, MI 48114

Register by March 5, 2014 with Anne Richardson (517) 546-1228 arichardson@arclivingston.org or online at www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/rsvp



COLLABORATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2014

MI Bridges Navigation
February 25, 2014
JK:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Bay Arenac Educational Service Center
4228 Two Mile Road
Bay City, MI 48706
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TNQQS359>

Affordable Health Care Forum
March 11, 2014 9
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Barry ISD Conference Room
535 West Woodlawn Avenue
Hastings, MI 490589
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9YBMZLW9>

Essential Communication Skills for IEP Team Meetings
March JK2, 20JK4
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Menominee County ISD
Conference Room
JK20JK 4JKst Avenue
Menominee, MI 49858
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9MFGZY>

Discipline for Students with IEPs
March 13, 2014
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Menominee County ISD
Conference Room
1201 41st Avenue
Menominee, MI 498589
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y7MVKKJ9>

The Building Blocks of Pride: Boosting
your Child's Self-Esteem 9
March JK8, 2014
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Washtenaw ISD Seminar Rooms
JK8JK9 South Wagner Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48JK06
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DZ6KWXL9>

Affordable Health Care Forum
March 19, 2014 9
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Shiawassee RESD
Conference Room A & B
114 W. North Street
Owosso, MI 488679
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9YBMZLW9>

Everything My Child Needs to Know About Sexuality
But, I Was Afraid to Tell!
March JK9, 20JK4
9:00 am - 3:00 pm 9
Kalamazoo RESA Wile Auditorium
JK8JK9 E Milham Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49002
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TX5MRH69>

MI Bridges Navigation
April 23, 2014
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Washtenaw ISD Vogel C9
1819 South Wagner Road
Ann Arbor, MI 481069
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TNQQS359>

The Building Blocks of Pride: Boosting your Child's Self-Esteem
April 25, 2014
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Lenawee ISD
William J. Ross Education Service Center
4107 North Adrian Hwy.
Adrian, MI, 49221
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DZ6KWXL9>

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