



DISABILITY NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN

2017 Annual Report

Battling Barriers...

Becoming Accessible



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Diane Fleser, Chief Executive Officer

Greetings,

Disability Network West Michigan experienced an exciting year of transition during the 2017 fiscal year. In addition to onboarding a new Executive Director, we experienced growth in our Youth Transitions services as well as the number of Information and Referral's (I&R's) provided. Continuing the awareness of and promoting the philosophy of independent living advances personal empowerment and creates opportunities for educating other community members.

In an ever-changing environment our ability to stimulate consumer control, peer support, self-determination, equal access and advocacy cannot be highlighted enough. The leadership, empowerment and independence of individuals within our community assert a direct connection to the work we aim to do on a daily basis. With the honor of carrying out our mission and commitment to the community it is with great pride we provide you with our capture of the 2016-17 year.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to pursue the civil rights and individual goals of individuals with disabilities living in our communities. There is no doubt that we are stronger together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Fleser". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Diane Fleser, CEO

You can help support the work we do with a tax-deductible donation to Disability Network West Michigan. Visit our website at disabilitynetworkwm.org to donate online or call 231-722-0088.

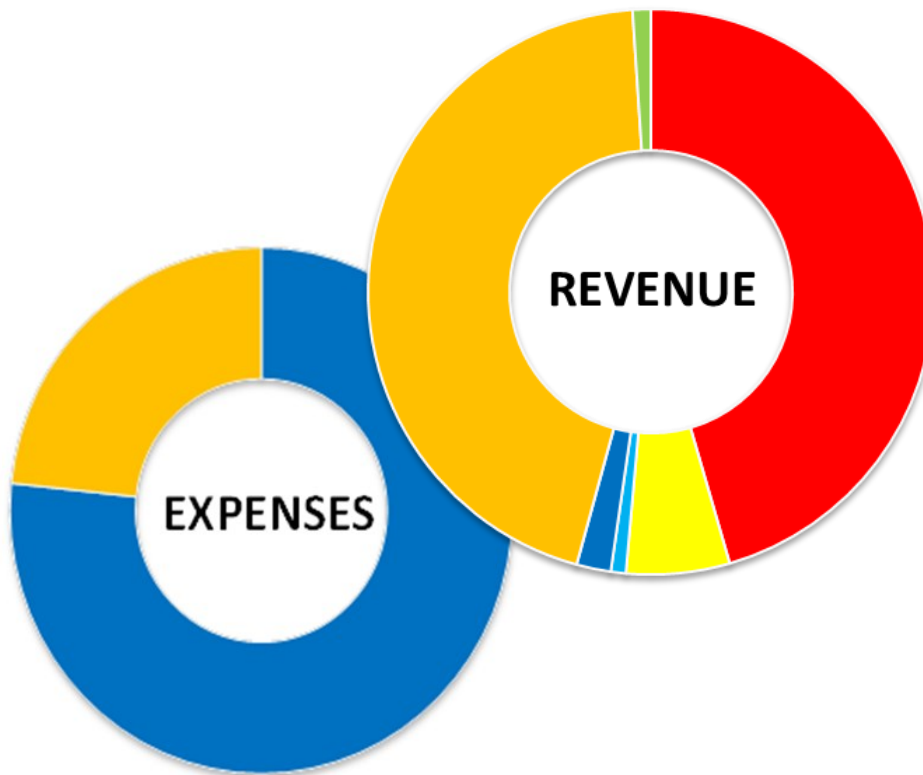
FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE

● Federal & State Grants	\$482,806.00	45.5%
● Local Grants	\$62,635.00	5.9%
● Contributions	\$9,118.00	0.9%
● Interest Income	\$20,827.00	2.0%
● Program Service Fees	\$474,246.00	44.7%
● Other Revenue	\$11,124.00	1.0%
Total Revenue	\$1,060,756.00	

EXPENSES

● Program Services	\$772,833.00	76.7%
● Admin/Fund Development	\$235,350.00	23.3%
Total Expenses	\$1,008,183.00	



OUR SERVICES BY



3,180



INDIVIDUALS SERVED

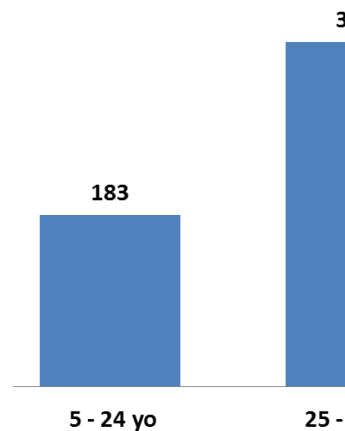
224
VOLUNTEERS



DONATING

11,322

HOURS



AGE OF CONSUMER



178

PHYSICAL

14

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SERVICES BY D

3,180 individuals served in 5 counties • 639 individuals served through our Peer Support Groups • 3,299 Information & Referrals • 25 schools receiving our Youth Transition Program

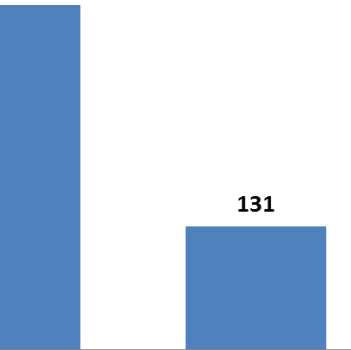
BY THE NUMBERS



IN COUNTIES

5

67



59 yo

60 & Older

CONSUMERS SERVED



479

CONSUMER GOALS ACHIEVED



3,299

INFORMATION & REFERRALS



MULTIPLE

136

COGNITIVE

DISABILITY TYPE



2,140

HOURS INDIVIDUAL
& SYSTEMS
ADVOCACY

Accessible Walkway Campaigns

Recreational activities for people with disabilities is an important part of community integration and fun. We are pleased to announce the campaign and installation completion of both the Muskegon Pere Mar-

quette Beach and the Ludington Stearns Beach Accessible Walkways.

The beginning stages of the Stearns Beach Campaign started in 2012 and after five years, community support and generous donations three accessible walkways were placed at Stearns Beach and one placed at Pere Marquette Beach providing access for all!



Ludington Stearns Beach

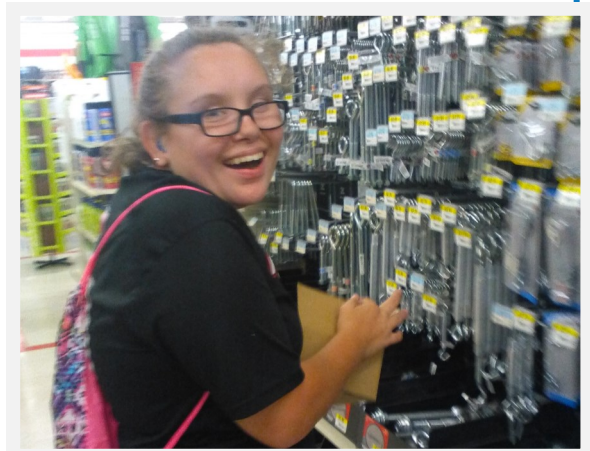


Muskegon Pere Marquette Beach

Summer Transition Youth Camp (STYC)

The Summer Transitioning Youth Camp (STYC) both in the Fremont area of Newaygo County and Muskegon County were a resounding success thanks to the youth who participated, their counselors and the community who supported them in attaining more knowledge and skills through work-based experiences.

The STYC summer program is to offer youth an opportunity to develop their goals and plans for what will come after they complete their secondary education. We have designed our youth programming based on researched and evidence based practices as outlined by the National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability/Youth.



Fremont Summer Transition Youth Camper

DisCOVER Youth Transition Conference

To successfully make the transition from school to adult life and post-secondary education, adolescents and young adults need guidance and encouragement from caring, supportive adults. The best decisions and choices made by transitioning youth are based on sound information including appropriate assessments that focus on the talents, knowledge, skills, interests, values, and aptitudes of each individual. Developing the ability to make informed choices and to understand the implications of those choices should be explicit goals early in the transition process.



Disability Network West Michigan in partnership with Michigan Rehabilitation Services had its very first DisCOVER YOUTH TRANSITION CONFERENCE at the Newaygo County Education Service Center. There were over 60 students from Newaygo, Fremont, White Cloud and Hesperia in attendance.



Fallen Comrade Table

Annual Dinner Celebrating our Veteran's with Disabilities

We are committed to assisting disabled veterans throughout the year and find there are more veterans seeking assistance than ever before. The needs include support to live independently, durable medical equipment, ramps, home improvement, and peer support.

Disability Network West Michigan would like to thank our community and community partners for their generous contributions to our Veteran Needs Fund. The 2016 Annual Veteran's with Disabilities Dinner supported and honored the 80 attendees at the Maranatha Conference Center, recognizing the 25th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm.

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Disability Network West Michigan is committed to accessibility, inclusion, and diversity while being consumer directed and accountable.

OUR MISSION is to advocate, educate, empower, and provide resources for persons with disabilities. We promote accessible communities, fulfilling our vision of ensuring that accessibility will be an accepted civil right.



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