DISABILITY network
West Michigan

DISABILITY NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN

2017 Annual Report

Battling Barriers...

Becoming Accessible
Greetings,

Disability Network West Michigan experienced an exciting year of transition during the 2017 fiscal year. In addition to on-boarding 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.

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
3,180
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

639
INDIVIDUALS
SERVED THROUGH
OUR PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

224
VOLUNTEERS

11,322
HOURS

25
SCHOOLS RECEIVING OUR
YOUTH TRANSITION PROGRAM

178
PHYSICAL

14
MULTISERVICE

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
IN 5 COUNTIES

3,299

3,180 individuals served in 5 counties
- 639 individuals served through our Peer Support Groups
- 479 consumer goals achieved
- 224 volunteers donating 11,322 hours
- 2,140 hours Individual & System Advocacy

59 yo 131 60 & Older

479

CONSUMER GOALS ACHIEVED

3,299

INFORMATION & REFERRALS

44 MULTIPLE

136 COGNITIVE

2,140 HOURS INDIVIDUAL & SYSTEMS ADVOCACY

OUR SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS

NUMBERS SERVED

DISABILITY TYPE

Port Groups 479 consumer goals achieved 224 volunteers donating 11,322 hours
Youth Transition Program 2,140 hours Individual & System Advocacy
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.

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 Marquette 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!
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.

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.
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.