



Mission: The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council’s mission is to support people with developmental disabilities to achieve life dreams.

Vision: The Council’s vision is that all citizens of Michigan have the opportunities and supports to achieve their life hopes and choices.

Core Values: Including People with High and Complex Support Needs in all Activities. Self-Direction and Self-Determination, Consumers’ Voice at the Policy Table. Addressing Economic Justice and Poverty. Community Inclusion. The Rights of People with Developmental Disabilities.

Updates: October 2024-January 2025

SAM Advisor, Renee Hall and SAM Chair Jacqueline Cuevas travelled to New Orleans in December for the TASH Conference during which Jacqueline presented. Region 5 of SABE (Michigan’s region) is planning a regional self-advocacy conference in 2025. The Advisor is also the advisor for the SABE conference committee, they are handling the logistics for all nine of the regional conferences.

Four CYVYC Youth Ambassadors have presented to over 2,000 participants with additional presentation in 2024 and 2025.

Michigan *disABILITY* Action Group (MDAG), supported by MiDDC PPC staff met in October, November and December. MiDDC supports this group in monthly advocacy efforts. The focus of each effort is organized by the co-chairs of the group.

MiDDC Staff and a Certified Peer Mentor presented at the Michigan Autism Conference in October. Thirty people attended.

Youth Employment Initiative: Eight presentations have reached over 48 people since October 2024.

Supported Decision-Making: Over 13 presentations have reached over 470 people since October 2024.

Sexuality Education Initiative: Seven presentations have reached over 230 people since October 2024.

MiDDC created and published the second edition of MiDDC's Inclusive Community Outreach Newsletter at the beginning of October. Newsletter sign-up link: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDHHS/signup/39952>.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming events can be found at www.michigan.gov/ddcouncil under the Events Calendar.

The Basics of Supported Decision Making – 2/12/25

Learn About Living in Your Own Place – 2/17/25

Becoming a Sexuality Educator – Part 1 – 2/19/25

Becoming a Sexuality Educator – Part 2– 2/20/25

Becoming a Sexuality Educator – Part 3– 2/21/25

Supporting Student Lead decisions –2/28/25

Voices in Action Self-Advocacy Day–3/04/25

Building Healthy Relationships at Work– Part 1 – 3/05/25

Building Healthy Relationships at Work– Part 2 – 3/12/25

Disrupting Ableism – 3/12/25

Building Healthy Relationships at Work– Part 3 – 3/19/25

Building Healthy Relationships at Work– Part 4 – 3/26/25

Building Healthy Relationships at Work– Part 5 – 4/02/25

Building Healthy Relationships at Work– Part 6 – 4/09/25

Black Disabled Motherhood and Access to Assistive Technology– 4/15/25

Disrupting Internalized Ableism and Mental Health Stigma– 5/14/25