

SELF-ADVOCACY

8:45-9:45: *A Team-Teaching Approach to Sexuality Education for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

Presenter: Mary Shehan-Boogaard, Community Inclusion Coordinator
Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

Description: Join us for a presentation and facilitated discussion geared toward self-advocates, family members and staff who work with people with developmental disabilities. Get facts, and learn how to more comfortably discuss sexuality:

- Why it is important to address the topic of sexuality with people with disabilities
- Get factual, statistical information
- Be aware of upcoming educational opportunities around Michigan

10:00-11:00: *Possibilities!*

Presenter: Alex Kimmel, Self-Advocate Speaker

Description: Michigan Developmental Disability Institute (MI-DDI) created the “Possibilities” video project. *“The purpose of the Possibilities series is to present a vision of how individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families can lead the lives that they wish to lead, without barriers and in the direction they truly intend to go.”* (<https://ddi.wayne.edu/possibilities>). The most recent addition to Possibilities features Alex. Known as “The Self-Determinator”, Alex lives a full, busy life of family, work, and inclusion in many community organizations with a goal to help others realize the positive impact that living a self-determined life can have. He works toward this goal further by conducting training on self-determination throughout Southeast Michigan. Alex will present his video (produced by the “Pure Michigan team”) and lead a discussion about philosophies and strategies showcased in this video. Be ready for laughter and an opportunity to update your thoughts on neurodiversity.

12:45-1:45: *Self-Advocacy, Why It’s Important*

Presenter: Sarah Carmany, Self-Advocate

Description: History of and what it means to be a Self-Advocate

2:00-3:00: *Cindy Burkhour – TBD*

EMPLOYMENT

8:45-9:45: *Getting a Job & Keeping a Job*

Presenter: Jill Murphy, MA CRC
Michigan Rehabilitation Services

Description: Presenter will share information on the local labor market, options for working while on Social Security Disability benefits, job training programs, individualized services and supports to maintain employment and independence.

10:00-11:00: *SSI, Medicaid, and You*

Presenter: Cathy McRae, Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Project (WIPA)
Project Coordinator, The Arc Michigan

Description: This session will provide an overview of Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid in Michigan, and the ways income and assets impact these benefits.

12:45-1:45: *SSDI, Medicare, and Dual Beneficiaries*

Presenter: Cathy McRae, Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Project (WIPA)
Project Coordinator, The Arc Michigan

Description: This session will provide an overview of Social Security Disability Insurance, Medicare, Dual Beneficiaries, and the ways income and assets impact these benefits.

2:00-3:00: *Heather Barsy - Panel*

TRANSITION

8:45-9:45: ***David Anderson, TBD***

10:00-11:00: ***Accommodating College Students***

Presenter: Lois Baldwin, Director/Counselor for the Office for Student Access, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Description: This session will introduce the mandates associated with accommodating students with disabilities and highlight the differences between high school and college in order to better prepare students.

12:45-1:45: ***Transition in Adulthood***

Presenters: Adam Danapilis, Principal of Young Adult Program & Kathy Hurley, Transition Coordinator, KRESA/Young Adult Program

Description: Transitioning from school to post-secondary is an experience for everyone, Individuals with disabilities are no exception. This is why it is imperative that we prepare all our students to live a meaningful and purpose filled life. This presentation will engage educators in ideas to teach explicit transition instruction, when to connect with community agencies to bridge the support needed, and how to equip parents for this next phase for their son/daughter. Be expectant and have an innovative mindset to transform not conform to the common approaches to transition education.

2:00-3:00: ***Transition & Transportation***

Presenter: Max Hornick, Travel Trainer & Transition Outreach Specialist
Disability Network Southwest Michigan

Description: This breakout session will highlight the ways transportation can increase independence for youth in transition and give an overview of how to use public transportation in Kalamazoo County.

AUTISM

8:45-9:45: *Navigating the Road Map to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services*

Presenters: Dr. Jessica E. Frieder, Kimberly M. Peck, & Alyssa R. Jewett, Department of Psychology, WMU

Description: Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is the leading evidence-based methodology as an intervention for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) (Slocum et al, 2014), with over 30 years of robust research and promising outcomes. With increasing ASD diagnoses and need for effective interventions to help individuals and their caregivers, sharing ABA's approach is more important now than ever before. Thus, this presentation will provide attendees with an overview of the history of ABA, discuss the framework of behavior analytic services for individuals with ASD, describe potential benefits and ways to identify quality behavior analytic interventions.

10:00-11:00: *IST – Intensive Support Team, KRESA*

Presenters: Kim Nelson, Autism Support Specialist, KRESA & Mary Hess, MA BCBA, IST Behavior Support, KRESA

Description: Supports provided for behavior and autism.

12:45-1:45: *The START Project: An Overview of Organizational Initiatives and Resources*

Presenters: Jennifer Korinek, LMSW – Behavior Consultant, VBISD
and Katy Foster, M.A.Ed – Teacher Consultant for Autism, Berrien Regional Education Service Agency

Description: This session will provide a brief overview of the Statewide Autism and Resources Training (START) Project, including organizational structure, current initiatives, and parent-specific resources. The presenters will share examples of local implementation, guide attendees on how to access resources via the START website, and discuss how the START Project is positively impacting practice around students with ASD and other special education eligibilities.

2:00-3:00: *Autism: Myths Busted!*

Presenter: Alex Kimmel, Self-Advocate Speaker

Description: Alex Kimmel, aka "The SelfDeterminator", will share on autism myths busted. Alex will guide you through fresh perspectives of neurodiversity, acceptance and the importance of establishing safety in the quest for creating a life of love and value. This session will provide a balance of understanding of the autistic perspective and an emphasis on respecting each

individual's wiring. Presentation includes video clips, humor, resource bibliography and opportunities for participants to interact with each other.