Disability Network of Mid-Michigan Core Services Brochure

DNMM Core Services:

**Individual and Systems Advocacy:** We help individuals with disabilities gain access to equal opportunities in social, economic, educational, and legal forums. We identify local, state, and national topics of importance to all people with disabilities, and we promote full-inclusion and improved implementation of existing laws.

**Peer Support and Mentoring**: We connect individuals with disabilities to other individuals and networks. This provides opportunities for people to share ideas in order to gain greater awareness and control over their own lives.

**Information and Referral Services**: We provide the resources needed to make informed choices about living, learning, and working independently in the community.

**Independent Living Skills Training**: We teach everyday self-sufficiency by helping individuals with disabilities build the skills needed to live independently. Skill building programs may focus on budgeting, healthy diets, housing, transportation, personal assistance, employment, and strategies for self-advocacy.

**Community Transitions**: We help individuals with disabilities transition from institutionalized settings, such as nursing home facilities, into more independent community living.

Mission Statement: To Promote and Encourage Independence for All People with Disabilities

We are the Disability Experts in Your Community! Did you know 1 in 5 persons has a disability? At Disability Network of Mid-Michigan, we believe it is not the disability that prevents people from participating in our communities, it is the barriers placed in front of them. Disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make personal choices, contribute to the community, pursue meaningful careers, and experience full inclusion.

We provide assistance to people with disabilities, to their families, and to the community. We determine our impact by the quality of services we provide and by the quality of life of individuals we support. We work to change societal attitudes about people with disabilities and to provide an environment where everyone, regardless of their abilities, can contribute to their communities based on their interests, skills, and desires.

We help everyone be a part of the community! We connect people with disabilities and their families with resources and opportunities.

“There are very few people, even with the most severe disabilities, who can’t take control of their lives. There is no life without taking risks.”

- Ed Roberts, Founder of the Independent Living Movement

Disability Network of Mid-Michigan is a CARF-Accredited, United Way, non-profit agency.

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