

Our Mission

We educate and empower people with disabilities to create changes in their own lives and advocate for social change to create inclusive communities.

Our Philosophy

- Disability is a natural part of the human conditions. Disability is simply a characteristic of a person.
- Disability issues are best understood by those who experience them. At least 51% of the board and staff of Disability Network identify as having a disability.
- A disability doesn't exist until someone encounters a barrier. It is the environment or culture that needs to be fixed, not the individual with the disability.

Alternative Formats & Accommodations

It is the practice of Disability Network Southwest Michigan to provide this and other documents in alternative formats upon request, as well as necessary accommodations in order to participate in our programs and services.

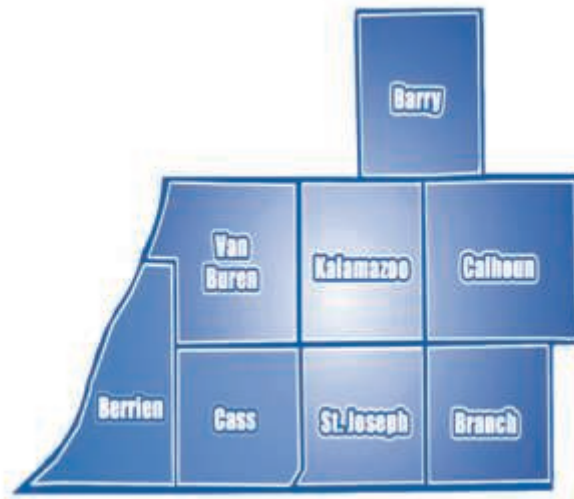
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Serving residents of Barry, Berrien, Branch, Cass, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties.



*The first stop for
people with disabilities
and their families in
Southwest Michigan.*

Services for Individuals & Families

We provide services to people with any kind of disability.



- Disability information and referral services
- Advocacy and support
- Connections to community resources
- Independent living services
- Social Security work incentives counseling
- Assistive technology information
- Nursing facility transitions
- Medicare Extra Help program
- Peer support groups
- Ramp info



Services for the Community



We offer services to businesses and community organizations including:

- ADA compliance evaluations
- Workshops and presentations tailored to specific needs
- Technical assistance on a wide variety of disability questions
- Home and workplace modification consultations
- Will Harter Community Resource Library with books, videos, and information on disability-related topics



Community & Systems Advocacy

We seek changes to the policies, practices, and laws that keep people with disabilities from fully participating in our communities. We do this through:

- Advocacy teams
- Lobbying efforts
- Collaboration with other groups working for social justice



*Changing Lives.
Changing Communities.*