



# Bridging the Gap

At Disability Network Southwest Michigan  
we are bridging the gap for people with  
disabilities in Southwest Michigan.



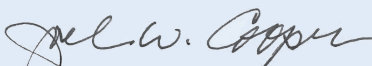
Disability Network Southwest Michigan  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016**

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Disability Network Southwest Michigan's programs and services are a bridge to independent living and social change in the community. Throughout Fiscal Year 2016, we shared many examples of how we are bridging the gap for people with disabilities in Southwest Michigan through barrier removal in their lives and community. Lack of access to transportation, affordable/accessible housing, healthcare, employment and home access are common examples of barriers the majority of our customers experience on a daily basis. Our 2015-2016 Annual Report highlights the results of how our services impacted nearly 10,000 customers across eight counties; an increase of over 1,000 customers from the previous year.








As the number of customers we serve each year grows, our staff respond to their needs in new and innovative ways. As a result of the recent passing of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, staff have developed new programs and supports for youth with disabilities transitioning from school to be better prepared for accomplishing their next goals of employment or post-secondary education. Additionally, staff have engaged the communities we serve by educating people on cutting edge topics in the Disability Rights Movement such as disability pride, ableism, and employment disclosure, just to name a few.

Gaps in services for people with disabilities will continue to exist in the future as trends are demonstrating. Disability Network is focused on building relationships with Legislators, state partners, funders and donors to ensure we have the resources we need to bridge the gap for people with disabilities in Southwest Michigan.

  
Joel Cooper, President & CEO



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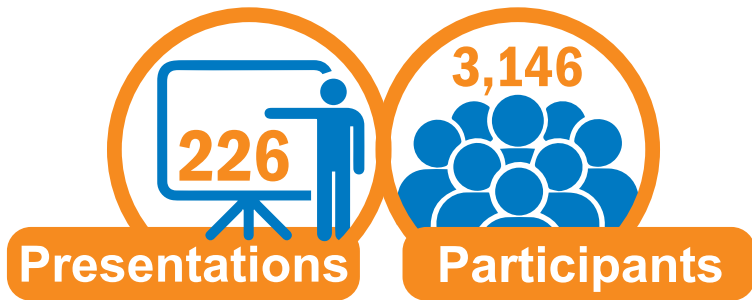
REVENUE			
 Federal & State Grants	\$ 836,518	35.0%	
 Contributions	212,161	8.9%	
 Interest Income	7,568	0.3%	
 Donated Materials & Services	66,919	2.8%	
 Program Service Fees	1,129,400	47.3%	
 Contract Services	135,079	5.7%	
 Other Revenue	935	<0.1%	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,388,580</b>		

EXPENSES			
 Program Services	\$ 1,995,022	84.6%	
 Admin/Fund Development	391,430	16.4%	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,386,452</b>		

Beginning Assets	\$ 1,095,097
Ending Assets	\$ 1,097,225



SERVICE BY THE NUMBERS



9,955 people served in 8 counties / 5,893 Information & Referral requests answered / 916 people with disabilities received Independent Living supports / 22 ramps built / 226 presentations in the community with 3,146 people participating / 27 informational booths in the community / 153 people received Social Security Benefits Counseling / 20 Veterans with disabilities received Independent Living supports / 29 people with disabilities transitioned out of nursing facilities and into community-based living, resulting in saving Michigan taxpayers over \$1,400,000



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