

# **Disability Network Southwest Michigan**

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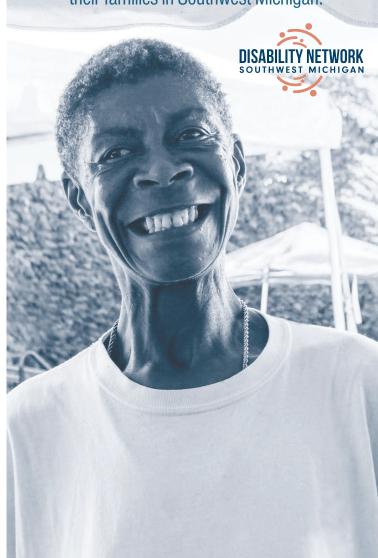
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# Removing Barriers

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





#### **About Us**

We assist people with all types of disabilities throughout Southwest Michigan in reaching their independent living goals, whatever those may be.

We see disability as a natural part of the human condition and work to educate the community about disability rights and the need to remove barriers which prevent people with disabilities from living a full and independent life.

As a Center for Independent Living, we believe that 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.



# **Services**

#### Information & Referral

- Connecting people to resources in the community
- Assistance in obtaining or completing documentation to connect to needed services
- Accessible computer lab
- Assistive technology

# **Independent Living**

- Developing advocacy skills
- Employment essential skills training
- Financial literacy
- Social Security Disability benefits planning
- Travel training
- Ramp building coordination

#### **Community Transition Services**

- Youth with disabilities transitioning to employment or post-secondary education
- Transitioning from nursing facility to community-based living

# **Advocacy & Community Education**

- Disability Rights advocacy
- Volunteer-led advocacy groups
- ADA compliance
- Presentations & workshops

# **Peer Support**

- Peer support groups
- Social and interactive events

To learn more about our services, contact our offices or visit our website. See back panel for contact information.