

# Presentations & Workshops

## Our Commitment to Community Education

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At Disability Network Southwest Michigan one of our core services is Education & Advocacy. Our Community Education program is designed to educate both people with disabilities and the greater community about the importance of disability justice and inclusion.

## About Our Presentations & Workshops

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Disability Network Southwest Michigan's Community Education program offers presentations for your group or organization to help everyone better understand disability.\*

Our presentations and workshops can be customized to meet your specific needs. We can come to your location, host your group at our Kalamazoo or St. Joseph locations, or work with you to find a space in your community to hold a presentation.

We offer a variety of formats including:

- » **Power Point presentations**
- » **Video clips & movies**
- » **Interactive activities**
- » **Panel discussions**

We offer all presentation materials in accessible format. Let us know if you need an accommodation to participate.

*\*Depending on scope of topic and staff time commitment, fees may apply.*



## Contact Us

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# Presentation & Workshop Offerings

## → Ableism 101 & 102

We offer both an “introductory” and a “next steps” class that examines disability discrimination on a systemic level. These classes look at the ways our society designs physically and socially segregated systems.

## → Assistance Animals: Do's & Don'ts

Learn the difference between service animals & emotional support animals and specific laws regarding each.

## → Disability & Employment: How, When & Why to Talk About It

Learn more about when an employee must disclose a disability or medical condition, requests for job accommodations, and what the employment laws are under the ADA. *(Note: This can be geared toward employees OR employers.)*

## → Disability History & Culture

Most people are unaware of the depth of disability culture and history. Learn to replace the feelings of shame and stigma with pride and respect around disability identity.

## → Disability Language & Etiquette

Learn why disability language is part of the disability culture and more than just saying the right things.

## → Disability Panel Discussions

Learn from a variety of people how they experience life with a disability and the barriers they face in the community.

## → Emergency Preparedness & Assistive Technology

This presentation covers emergency preparedness for people with disabilities, including emergency planning and assistive technologies that can allow people with disabilities to stay as independent as possible when disaster strikes.

## → Movie & Discussion

We offer a wide variety of disability themed movies which spark important conversations about disability in our culture.

## → Serving Customers with Disabilities

Ensuring full access to a place of business is an important part of customer service and a great way to expand a business' customer base. This interactive workshop explores ways to better meet the needs of customers with disabilities and learn what they consider to be good customer service.

### Customized Programming

If you have an idea for a disability related topic that is not included here, give us a call. We would be happy to develop a customized program to create greater understanding about disability in our community.

