

New Mexico State Team



New Mexico Recommendations for ADD

- Provide ways for state advocacy groups to learn what other states are doing by developing an internet portal.
- Provide webinars or video conference on self advocacy with Q+A and state sharing.
- More information and public education and marketing of the DD Act of 2000 and its provisions including stories on how self advocacy has improved lives of pwd
- Develop a data collection system, that could be used by self advocacy organizations and provide technical assistance and training on outcome measures and data collection.

NM ADD recommendations continued

- Have ADD strongly encourage P+A's, Councils and UCEDDs to devote part of their websites to self-advocacy efforts.
- Use social media (ie: facebook, myspace, twitter, radio, youtube ect.) and PSA's to promote self-advocacy.
- Develop a national e-magazine or e-newsletter on self advocacy with state stories and input.

NM Policy Recommendations

- Eliminate the SSI federal benefits marriage penalty.
- Eliminate employment penalties and raise the SSI resource limits so that people with disabilities could work and maintain their benefits.
- Support expanded and enhanced transition activities for youth with disabilities to include self-advocacy. (TEAM Act)
- Promote Disability History and Rights inclusion in public school curriculum.
- Require additional training on the needs of students with visible and invisible disabilities for general educators, including benefits of universal designs