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“I knew my developmentally disabled child was going to need more help than the other kids in the class.”

When a child and his/her parents are beginning or challenged by the IEP (Individualized Education Plan) process: Allegan Resource Center has professional Special Education Advocate services.



“When I found out I had an autistic child, I was at a loss for information and support.”

When a family needs more information about a particular disability: Allegan Resource Center has volumes of information and resources regarding various disabilities.



“The people at work were treating me unfairly and I wasn’t sure what to do or how to protect myself.”

When a person with a developmental disability has been exploited or had their rights violated regarding employment, housing, transportation or any other concern: Allegan Resource Center can advocate to assure that rights are upheld and the individual’s dignity is honored.



“I wanted to know my adult child would be taken care of when I’m gone.”

When parents of child(ren) with developmental disabilities are concerned for their children’s future: “After I’m Gone” helps families to formalize the process of planning for the future of their children with developmental disabilities upon the deaths of the parents. Allegan Resource Center has relationships with expert financial planners, specializing in families with special needs.

*Since 1956, providing **free services** to children and adults with developmental disabilities, and their families*

Allegan Resource Center has a long-standing reputation of supporting families, helping individuals realize their dreams and upholding the rights of those with special needs. We are a non-profit, charitable organization, offering free assistance.

You’re not alone.

We can help.

Become a part of a vital organization, improving the lives of thousands in Allegan County.

Join the Allegan Resource Center today.

By becoming a member, you get:

- Access to group insurance
- Local, state and national newsletters
- Access to vast resource materials
- Networking opportunities
- Formal affiliation and a chance to contribute
- Participation in programs

Membership Application

Please send with your check to: Allegan Resource Center, 219 Hubbard St., Allegan, MI 49010. Thanks for your support!

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of:

—\$20.00 (minimum)

__ \$25.00

__ \$50.00

__ \$100.00

__ Other _____

name

address

city, state, zip

phone

Advocacy Services

Creating a more knowledgeable and tolerant society is an ongoing endeavor.

Allegan Resource Center has made its mark over the past four decades by

- affecting mandatory special education laws
- creating more and better work opportunities and benefits for our clients
- improving local transportation and generating positive system changes through community and agency cooperation

Special Education Support Services

help families and schools develop education and transition plans that comply with the law and enable students to be successful in their daily lives at school, home and in the community.

Collaboration with numerous organizations assures fair, affordable and equal housing, employment opportunities, transportation accessibility and availability, family respite & support services,

guardianship, financial planning, benefits counseling (Social Security) and the chance to affect public policy through legislature.

Programming

Our objective in all programming is to create a society in which individuals with developmental disabilities can live, learn, work and play with respect, dignity and meaningful involvement in their communities.

Learning Exchanges include:

- legislative forums
- curriculums for teaching understanding, tolerance and empathy to non-disabled children and teachers in the schools
- addressing the needs of siblings of a child with special needs
- training parents to advocate for their children with disabilities and/or become advocates for others
- mentoring, support and learning for new parents of disabled children
- guardianship and financial planning for people with

disabilities and their families

- *After I'm Gone*, a program to facilitate the planning for a child's future upon the death of his/her parents.

Excursions for our friends with disabilities promote inclusion of citizens with developmental disabilities in what most of us consider to be typical public experiences and social interactions.

Volunteers needed—please inquire. Call Allegan Resource Center at 269-673-8841.



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For people with developmental disabilities