



Disability Network

Eastern Michigan

Fiscal Year 2024 Impact Report

A Center for Independent Living

Serving Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland,
Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola counties.

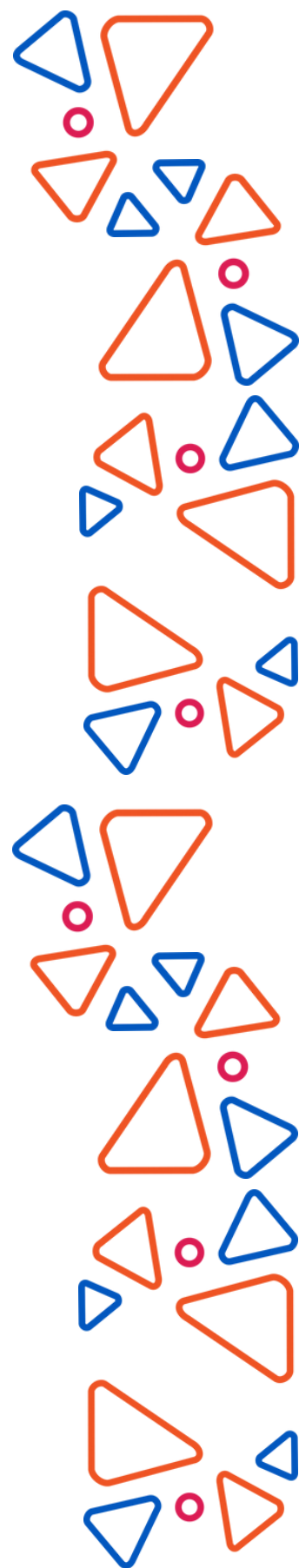


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Consumer Review

"This organization and the people who work at Disability Network of Eastern Michigan do a fabulous job supporting people with disabilities. They are committed and caring and they think outside the box to offer services and activities that enrich the lives of those they serve."

~Tricia

Mission Statement



Disability Network Eastern Michigan is committed to promoting independent living by breaking down barriers and opening paths towards personal choice through resources, advocacy, information, support, and education.



Our Shared Vision

Together, the work that each one of us does helps create a community where those living with disabilities are empowered to pursue personal growth and choice through access to community resources and supportive services.

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A Message From CEO Kelly Winn



We have much to celebrate at Disability Network Eastern Michigan (DNEM). Our future is bright, thanks to the dedication of our amazing team and the unwavering support from our community. This year, we proudly unveiled our refreshed look, including a new logo that reflects our commitment to progress and accessibility.

Along with this new look, we launched a new website, www.DNEMichigan.org, making it easier than ever to connect with our services, programs, and resources. But our growth goes beyond appearance—we have expanded our offices to better serve our community and broadened our programs to provide even greater access to vital resources.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to connect with consumers every day. Through phone calls, in-person appointments, and special events, they provide essential support, guidance, and empowerment. Their passion and commitment help break down barriers and open doors to greater independence, and we are deeply grateful for their efforts.

Together, we continue to raise the bar with a vision of a world where people with disabilities are empowered to pursue personal growth and choice through access to community resources and supportive services. The work we do together is making a real difference.

Our job is far from complete. Let's build stronger communities through innovative programs and services, forging new connections through technology and collaboration, and creating more opportunities for independent living.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Winn".

Success Stories



James was making plans to move into an apartment with a friend when his friend died unexpectedly. Recovering from a broken leg, he knew he couldn't do it alone, and ended up in the hospital. James then went into a nursing home for rehab. The social worker at the nursing home referred James to Phyllis Reynolds at Disability Network Eastern Michigan's (DNEM) Community Transition Services (CTS) Program.

James and Phyllis worked well together. Phyllis diligently looked for a place that worked for him. James uses a wheelchair so accessibility was important. The apartment search was challenging because most complexes in Oakland County required a gross monthly income of at least three times the monthly rent. Ultimately, James rented a sunny studio in downtown Detroit with a good setup that only required an income of two times the monthly rent.

"The CTS program made the transition much easier," said James. It paid his security deposit and first month's rent. The program helped him with food and the necessities needed to start his household. He was thrilled that full-sized furniture fit in the studio apartment. "The CTS program was a huge benefit for me," he said.

James is enjoying doing whatever he wants whenever he wants. "The nursing home was good when I needed it, but it was restrictive. It would have been easy to stay there but I had to get the doctor's approval every time I wanted to leave. I never could have gone to a concert or Arts Beats and Eats if I was living there," said James. He is now exploring the city and loves having his freedom back.

"I'd like to thank Disability Network of Eastern Michigan and AT&T for the laptop. I plan to use it for business purposes, like job searches, medical virtual appointments, and for social reasons. Thank you for what you do for the Veterans!" - Harold Washington



FY 2024 Community Impact

People with disabilities should have the same human rights, options, and control over choices in their own lives as do people without disabilities. Independent Living changes attitudes, expands community options, removes barriers, and increases choice.

7,096

Information & Referral
(I&R) requests answered

2,385

Individual Services and
Achievements

1,457

Consumers served during
the reporting period

987

Independent Living (IL)
goals fulfilled

427

Home modification/
shelter services

294

Access to Transportation,
Health Care and
Assistive Technology

10,594 hours dedicated to community education,
public information and outreach

2,505 hours dedicated to community
and systems advocacy

1,135 RecConnect individual participants for
adaptive recreation and wellness events

354 veterans (and family) received housing
stability support through our SSVF team

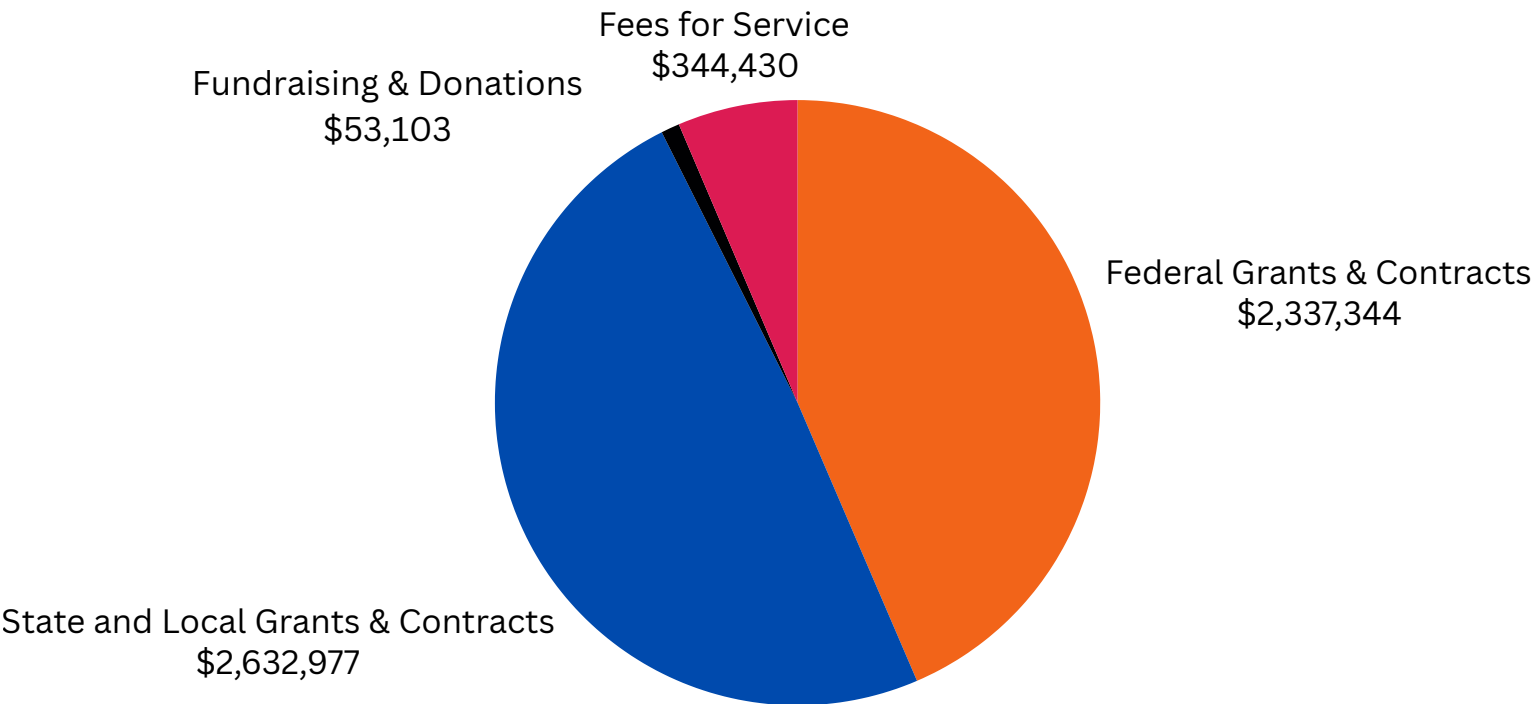
Consumer Review

"I want to express my gratitude toward Mary and the Disability Network team. She has been so helpful with leading me in the right direction when I felt overwhelmed and just did not know where to turn. Her kind words and encouragement help me every time I speak with her. She has helped me with the loss of my beloved husband of 41 years. Thank you and God bless the Disability Network team!"

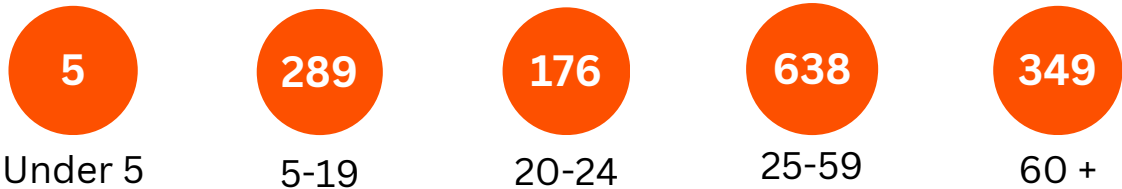
~Jennifer

FY 2024 Community Impact

General Funding Information



Consumers by Age



Services by Disability Type



Core Services



Advocacy

Changing lives and strengthening communities through empowerment and choice.



Independent Living Goals

Working together to enhance skills and develop resources that open paths to independence through assessment, planning, and training services.



Information & Referral

Connecting people with the resources and guidance they need to navigate and access available services and support.



Peer Support

Fostering a community of mutual understanding and encouragement through shared experiences and compassionate mentorship.



Transition Services

Facilitating smooth and successful transitions during key life stages, ensuring continuity and support for long-term independence.

Access Services

Breaking barriers and building stronger communities

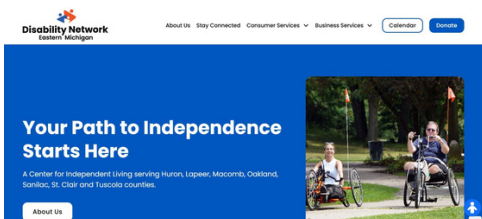
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Our Services

- ✓ ADA Review and Report
- ✓ Universal Design Services
- ✓ Digital Document Accessibility
- ✓ WCAG 2.1AA Compliance
- ✓ Social Media Accessibility



New Look and New Location



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This year, DNEM unveiled a refreshed logo and launched a more accessible website, furthering our commitment to enhancing community engagement. We also celebrated the grand opening of our new office in Clinton Township, expanding RecConnect programs and strengthening our Independent Living Skills Assessment and Training Center. These efforts have significantly improved access to vital services, increased community options, and contributed to building greater community capacity, promoting independent living.

Making a Difference and Increasing Choices



Your support helps to expand opportunities, break down barriers, and increase choices for individuals striving for independence. Together, we can create a more inclusive and accessible community.



To learn more about how you can support DNEM and make a lasting impact, please visit:

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