DISABILITYnetwork Mid-Michigan

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In five years, what do you envision will be different for people with disabilities?

The number one area of concern was acceptance and inclusion.

Most participants were hopeful for improved options in the following areas:

- Transportation and travel
- Greater community accessibility
- Increased employment accommodations and opportunities
- More affordable housing

Other Findings:

- There was a shared understanding that the number of people with disabilities is expected to grow, and therefore, accessibility and inclusion must be prioritized
- Improving the direct care workforce was identified as a critical need
- Several participants expressed concern that income, housing, and healthcare conditions may worsen

What does your community do well in terms of accessibility and inclusion?

1. Places are Accessible
2. Variety of Community Events
3. Agency Collaboration

SPIL Goals | Top Priorities

The State Plan for Independent Living identifies goals for Michigan every three years. Individuals were asked to pick which goal area was most important to them.

- Affordable/Accessible Housing = 48%
- Cross-County Transportation = 40%
- Mental Health = 8%
- Other = 4%

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Gaps and Concerns:

Affordable, Accessible, Adaptable Housing

- Expensive
- Limited locations
- Financial literacy is needed
- Better housing options needed

Mental Health

- Provider shortages
- Many not taking Medicaid
- Long wait lists
- Limited range of therapies covered
- Education/awareness is needed
- Acceptance in the workplace
- Cost of care is high

Cross-County Transportation

- Gaps and Concerns
- Need to schedule too far in advance
- It's complex
- It's expensive
- Access to community is limited
- Long wait times
- No flexibility in scheduling
- Mental health complicates use



Are you interested in joining an advocacy group to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities?

21 said Yes!

Comment:
Advocacy will be paramount during the next 5 years to maintain awareness of disparity.