

# Michigan Community Resources Directory

## Alphabetical List & Descriptions of Michigan Community Agency Resources

- [Autism Alliance of Michigan Navigation Tool](#)
  - MiNavigator was created to provide a professional case management service to Michigan families affected by autism. They work one-on-one with each family to help them navigate and overcome the many barriers they face when trying to access care and support
- [Autism Alliance of Michigan \(AAoM\) Employment](#)
  - AAoM partners with employers to increase workforce diversity and to enhance awareness, skills, and accommodations that would create a more successful “fit” between the employee with ASD and the work environment.
- [Autism Speaks, Transition to Adulthood toolkits](#)
  - Toolkits to help educate teams on Transition, Community Based Skills Assessment, Employment, and Housing and Residential Supports.
- [The Arc Michigan](#)
  - Provides leadership and support in their vision that all people realize and fulfill their dreams of having employment, education, meaningful relationships, and living independently within their community.
- [Disability Network Michigan](#)
  - Disability Network of Michigan Centers for Independent Living is consumer-driven, community-based, cross disability organization that promotes independence and self determination for people with disabilities.
  - [Michigan Centers for Independent Living Directory](#)
- [Disability Rights Michigan \(DRM\)](#)
  - In the process of assisting minor children with disabilities, DRM staff commonly communicate and work with parents to provide information and achieve advocacy goals.
  - [Client Assistance Program \(CAP\)](#) can help individuals understand their rights and responsibilities as they apply or receive services from MRS.
- [Michigan 2-1-1](#)
  - Michigan 2-1-1 is a free service that connects Michigan residents with help and answers from thousands of health and human services agencies and resources right in their communities—quickly, easily, and confidentially.
- [Michigan Association of Persons in Supported Employment \(APSE\)](#)
  - National organization with an exclusive focus on integrated employment and career advancement opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- [Michigan Alliance for Families](#)

- Provides information, support, and education for families who have children and young adults (birth to 26 years of age) who receive (or may be eligible to receive) special education services.
- [Michigan Alliance for Families, Adult Service Agencies](#)
  - Overview of Michigan's post-school agencies and support services, which most have their own eligibility requirements.
- [Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons](#)
  - The Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) believes in the capacity of people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve employment and independence. BSBP provides training and other services that empower people to achieve their individual goals.
- [Michigan Career & Technical Institute \(MCTI\)](#)
  - Conducts vocational and technical training programs and provides supportive services needed to prepare Michigan citizens with disabilities for competitive employment based on a referral from Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS).
- [Michigan Community Mental Health \(CMH\) Services Programs](#)
  - CMH services are coordinated through local Community Mental Health Services Programs and includes services for self determination, person-centered planning
- [Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services](#)
  - The MCRS gives advice and works in strategic partnership with Michigan's two Designated State Units (DSUs) for providing Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services, the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) and Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS).
- [Michigan Family Matters FACT sheet on Transition Planning](#)
  - Schools and families can help students be more prepared for life after high school and improve their future outcomes by helping them increase their own expectations and improve their understanding of the importance of transition planning
- [Michigan Project Search](#)
  - A program that is providing local high school students with disabilities the opportunity to train, gain and maintain employment through businesses and organization opportunities across the nation.
- [Michigan Public Transportation Providers & Dial-a-ride](#)
  - Find local transportation agencies serving Michigan residents, including Dial-a-ride (on-demand, door-to-door, or curb-to-curb transportation service for seniors and people with disabilities to travel to medical appointments, employment, school, or even just buying groceries).
- [Michigan Rehabilitation Services](#)
  - A statewide network of vocational rehabilitation (VR) professionals developing creative, customized solutions that meet the needs of individuals and businesses. They deliver individualized services that assist potential employees with differing abilities to prepare for, pursue and retain careers.

- Pre-Employment Transition Services are available in Michigan to students with disabilities who are age 14-26 and accepted or enrolled in secondary or postsecondary education.
- [Michigan Talent Connect](#)
  - Resources for connecting to career paths: Career Explorer (tool that helps search job listings, apprenticeships, etc); Post-secondary Education Opportunities, and an eLearning Soft Skills Program.
- [Michigan Transition Services Association](#)
  - Provides support to members by providing resources to local communities to assist students and young adults with disabilities as they transition through school to achieve their post-school goals.
- [Michigan Works!](#)
  - Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Services are targeted at young people to assist them in their career and educational development. WIOA Youth programs are operated on a year-round basis by local Michigan Works!