

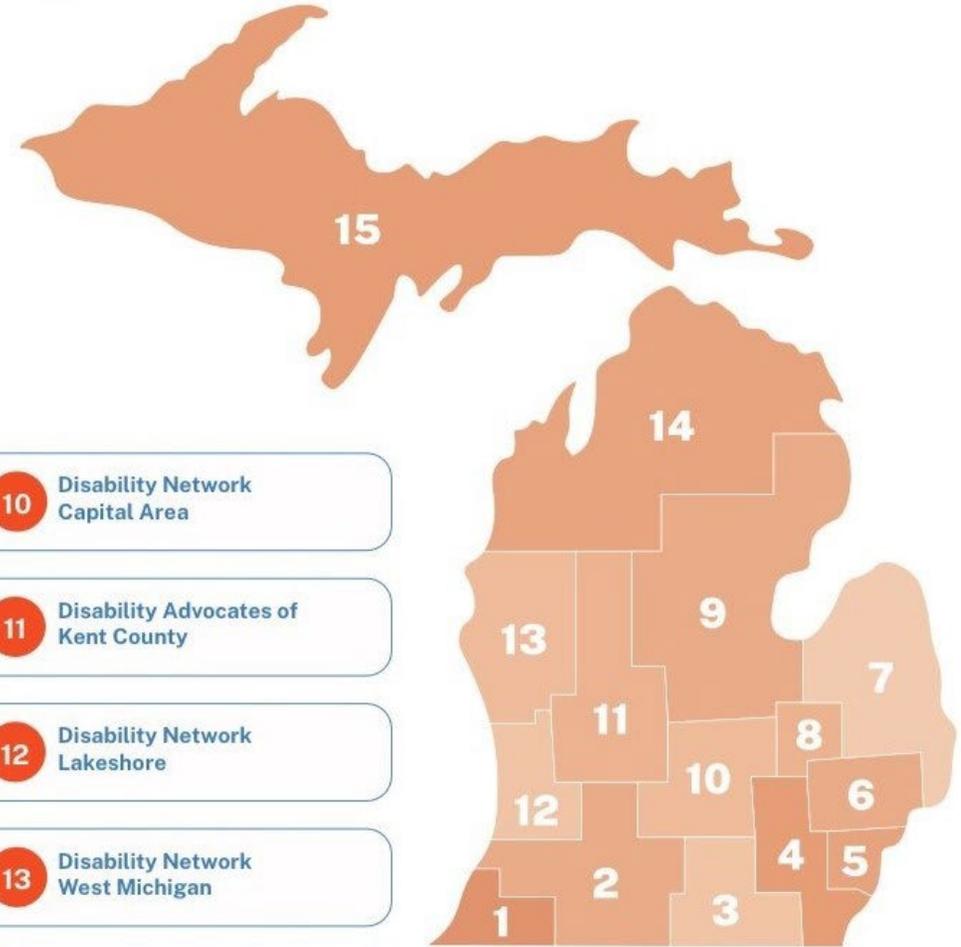


House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Economic Development, and Lifelong Learning
Thursday, February 22, 2024

Disability Network Michigan

15 CILs
cover all 83
counties

- 1 Disability Network Southwest Michigan (Berrien/Cass)
- 2 Disability Network Southwest Michigan
- 3 disAbility Connections
- 4 Disability Network Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston
- 5 Disability Network Wayne County Detroit
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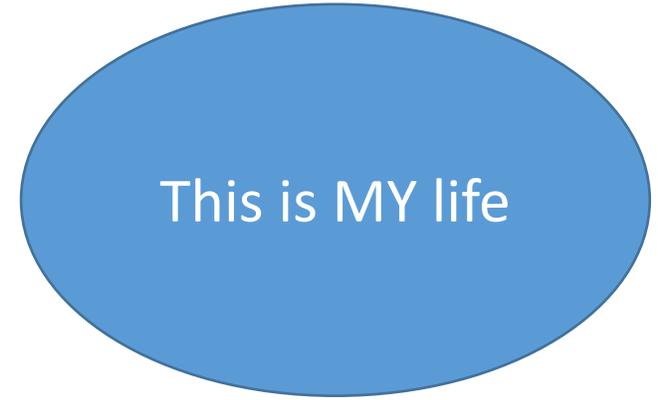


Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

- created under the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- consumer-driven, community-based, disability organizations that promote independence and self-determination for people with disabilities.
 - consumer-driven: required by federal law to have individuals with disabilities make up 51% or more of the staff in decision-making positions.
 - community-based: staff and board members live and work in the communities the CIL serves.

Network Overview

- **Educate** people about Independent Living

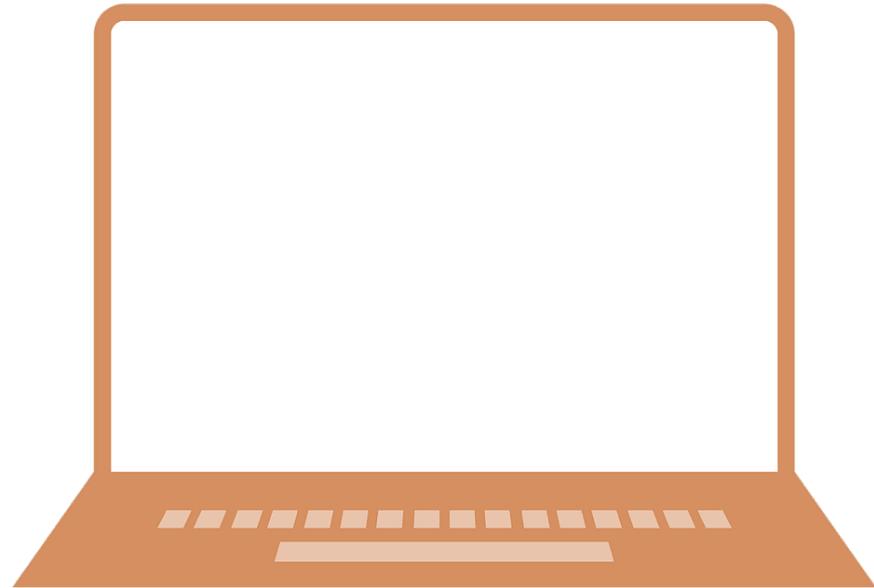


- **Advocate** for people with disabilities
- **Raise awareness** of the barriers that exist for people with disabilities

Most commonly identified barriers to reaching independence are access to:

				
Housing	Employment	Transportation	Home Health Providers	Assistive Technology

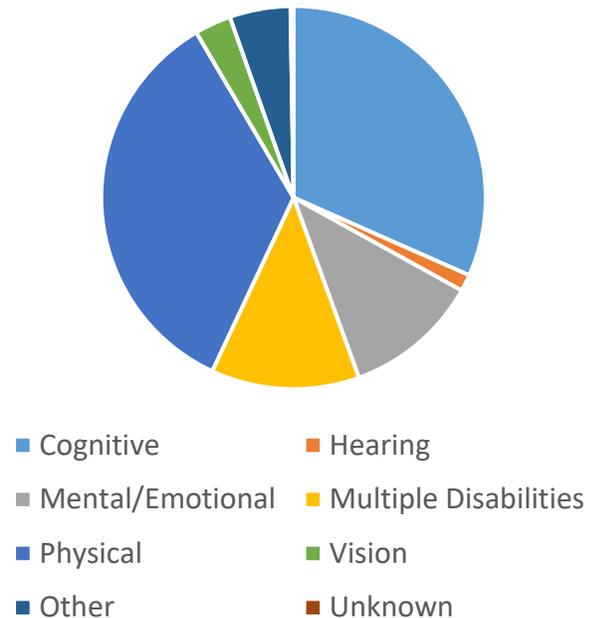
Services and Resources for your constituents



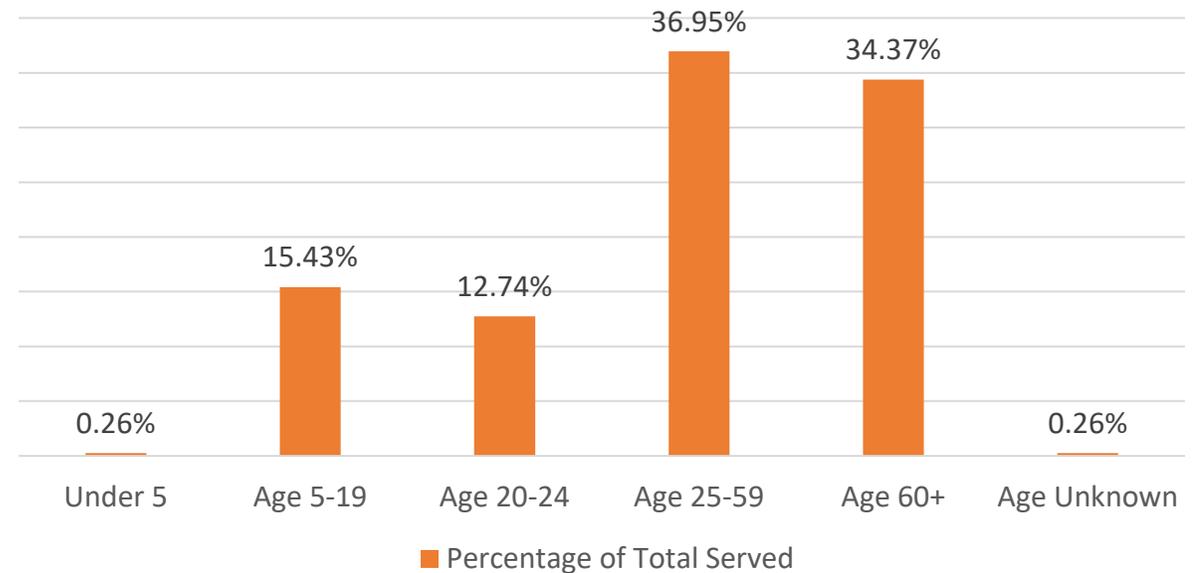
Statewide Demographics

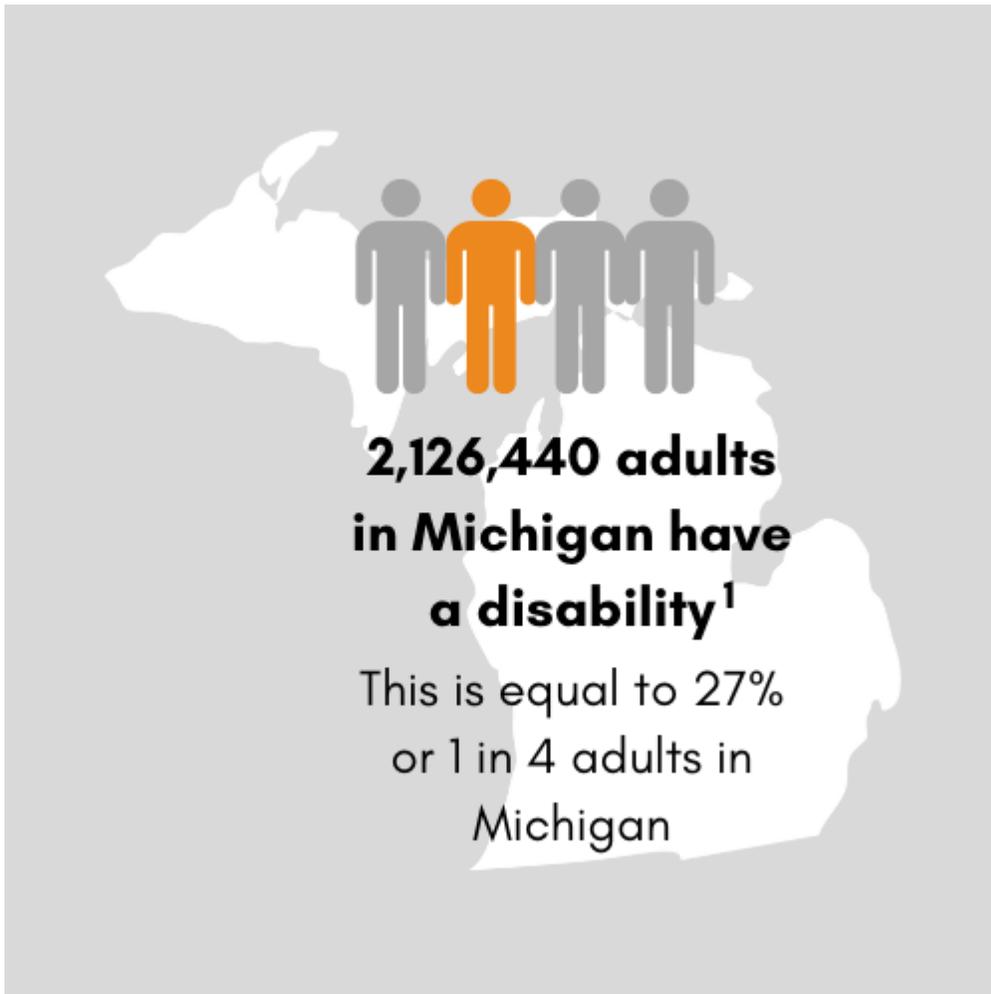
CILs provide resources and services for people with ALL disabilities and for ALL ages.

Percentage of Disabilities Served



Percentage of Ages Served

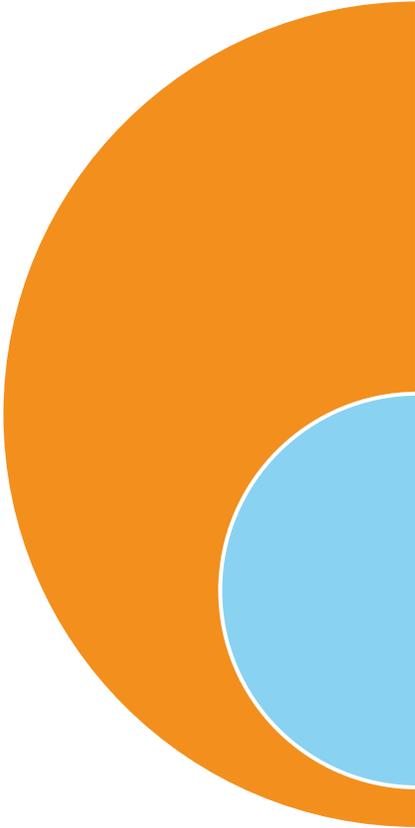




Whether we are born with a disability, experience one due to illness or injury, or age into one, disability is part of the overall human experience.

¹ 2021 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

Who is Disability Network West Michigan?

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We are created by and for persons with disabilities and serve Muskegon, Lake, Oceana, Newaygo, and Mason Counties

Our Mission is to advocate, educate, empower, and provide resources for persons with disabilities.

5 Core Services

Peer Support & Mentoring

Information and Referral

Individual and Systems Advocacy

Independent Living Skills Support

Transition to Community Based Living

Promote and Create Community Inclusion for People with Disabilities





Training and Access Opportunities for our Community

- ▶ Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility
- ▶ The Americans with Disabilities Act
 - ▶ Employment/Accommodations, Program Accessibility, Physical Accessibility, Customer Service, Digital Access
 - ▶ One of our Staff is a Certified ADA Coordinator and member of the ADA National Network's Trainer Leadership Network
- ▶ Ableism
- ▶ Service Animals
- ▶ Accessibility Review Services
- ▶ Interested in other disability related topics? Contact Us!

Funding Needs

- ▶ Thank you for the funding increase during last fiscal year!
 - ▶ DNWM was able to serve 1163 individuals; over 6600 hours were spent in direct service/assistance to consumers in our service area
 - ▶ Increased outreach and services to underserved areas of our community
- ▶ With additional support we can:
 - ▶ Continue to increase outreach and services to underserved counties in our service region
 - ▶ Establish Satellite offices in Mason and Lake Counties

Funding Sources

Federal—Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Administration for Community Living

State—State General Fund, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

Local—Gifts, donations, etc.

Governor Whitmer's Budget Recommendation Fiscal Year 2025

Sec. 11-104. REHABILITATION SERVICES

Full-time equated classified positions.....		671.0	
Bureau of services for blind persons-116.0 FTE			
positions	\$	29,736,700	\$
Centers for independent living		19,718,600	
Michigan rehabilitation services-555.0 FTE positions .		145,412,200	
Subregional libraries state aid		<u>451,800</u>	<u>—</u>
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	195,319,300	\$

Funding is distributed through a formula based on the federally approved State Plan of Independent Living (SPIL)

CILs FY '25 Funding Request

\$3 million above Governor Whitmer's recommendation

Additional funding will help CILs increase outreach, services, capacity

In 2019, the state's Return On Investment (ROI) was \$7

- Remain in homes vs. nursing homes, assisted living
- Employed; contributing to economy



Thank you for your time.



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