

APRIL Conference 2024
Paving the Way to Self-Determination
Sunday, October 13, 2024
1:30 – 2:30 pm

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Program Description: Paving the Way to Self-Determination was developed to support children with developmental disabilities and their families in raising people's expectations by introducing the concepts and tools needed to lead self-determined lives. Too often, children with developmental disabilities are segregated and directed to a path of isolation and low self-esteem. This program is designed to break that cycle and set an expectation of success.

Paving the Way to Self-Determination is for children (ages birth -12) and their families living in Michigan. The program utilizes interactive, online trainings and storytelling on topics that promote self-determination and independence.

RESOURCES:

Disability Network Southwest Michigan Website: <https://www.dnswm.org/>

Paving the Way to Self-Determination Page: <http://bit.ly/MI-pavingtheway>

Disability Network Southwest Michigan YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@DNSouthwestMI>

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council Website:
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/mentalhealth/developmentaldisability>

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Website:
<https://nacdd.org/>

Michigan Alliance for Families Website: <https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/>

National Center for Parent Information & Resources Website:
<https://www.parentcenterhub.org/>

The Arc Michigan Website: <https://arcmi.org/>

Charting the LifeCourse™ Website: <https://www.lifecoursetools.com/>

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS USED IN SELF-ADVOCACY STORY TIME:

All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything – by Annette Bay Pimentel, March 2020, Sourcebooks Explore, ISBN 13 978-1492688976

A Day with No Words – by Tiffany Hammond, 2023, Wheat Penny Press, ISBN 978-1-7369497-9-5

Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You – by Sonia Sotomayor, 2019, Philomel Books, ISBN978-0-525-51412-1

Fighting for Yes! The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann – by Maryann Cocca-Leffler, 2022, Abrams Publishing, ISBN 9781647003685

Too Much! An Overwhelming Day – by Jolene Gutierrez, 2023, Abrams Appleseed Publishing, ISBN978-1-4197-6426-4

Completely Me – by Justine Green, Ed.D., 2020, Green Rose Publishing, ISBN978-1-7352558-0-4

Completely Matt: An ADHD Story – by Justine Green, Ed.D., 2012, Green Rose Publishing, ISBN 978-1-7352558-4-2

Completely Emme: A Cerebral Palsy Story – by Justine Green, Ed.D., 2021, Green Rose Publishing, ISBN 978-1-7352558-2-8

Completely Toby: A Down Syndrome Story – by Justine Green, Ed.D., 2022, Green Rose Publishing, ISBN 9781-7352558-6-6