

# ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND INCLUSION FOR LIFE



## EDUCATION

- Inform families about inclusive education opportunities
- Attend IEP meetings
- Attend school meetings
- Consult on assistive technology
- Attend behavior plan meetings
- Attend Manifestation Determination Review (MDR) hearings



## TRANSITION

- Attend IEP/transition meetings
- Attend school meetings
- Provide independent facilitation for person centered planning
- Provide systems navigation
- Advocate for inclusive community options



## EMPLOYMENT

- Provide Social Security Work Incentives Counseling
- Advocate for supported real employment
- Provide information and referrals for employment assistance
- Educate community partners about work incentive counseling



Provide independent facilitation for:

- Person Centered Planning
- Attend IPOS meetings
- Advocate for inclusive community options
- Provide systems navigation



Provide information & referrals for:

- Establishing Trusts
- ABLE Accounts
- Alternatives to Guardianship
- Social Security
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Provide Trust Management

ACA has been serving Washtenaw County as a non-profit for over 70 years. To support our ongoing commitment to advocacy, fees for service may apply. ACA understand the financial challenges faced by individuals with developmental disabilities and considers this when assessing fees.

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## Free Workshops for Members!

Topics include:

- Financial Planning
- MI ABLE
- Social Security Disability
- Individual Education Programs (I.E.P.s)
- Alternatives to Guardianship

# ACA HISTORY



Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy (ACA) was the first organization in Michigan to advocate for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

In 1949, a group of parents organized to seek equal education rights for their children with disabilities. They believed, as we do today, that regardless of disability each person deserves power and control over their life. Their ground-breaking work built a strong foundation for the expanding advocacy ACA continues today.

We promote and defend disability rights by educating and advocating for individuals and their families throughout Washtenaw County.

You can be part of promoting and ensuring disability rights by becoming a member today!

ACA keeps its members informed with regular updates and timely notification of impending proposed policy change. To become a member:

Email [info@washtenawaca.org](mailto:info@washtenawaca.org)  
or call (734) 662-1256

# HOW CAN WE HELP?



TO EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH  
INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES TO PARTICIPATE FULLY  
IN COMMUNITY LIFE.

## OUR MISSION

Contact WACA today to  
see how we can help!

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