



The Disability Network

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Education

Year Founded: 1992

Mission: The mission of The Disability Network (TDN) is to revolutionize communities to be inclusive and accepting, where all people thrive in the quality of life they create.

Summary of work: TDN supports Genesee County through five core support areas. Our primary programs include Information and Referral, Advocacy, Transition Services, Peer Support, and Independent Living Skills. TDN works to increase independence and quality of life for people with disabilities in Genesee County.

Project name and purpose: Breaking Barriers: A Leadership Program for Youth with Disabilities is designed to cultivate the potential of high school-aged youth with disabilities to empower them to become effective leaders in their communities and beyond.

Details of Proposed Project: Breaking Barriers is a transformative experience that empowers young individuals with disabilities to embrace their strengths, reduce barriers, and become catalysts for positive change in their communities.

Goals and Objectives: Provide 40 Genesee County high school-aged youth comprehensive workshops covering a range of topics, including communication skills, digital literacy, self-advocacy, goal setting, problem-solving, teamwork, and adaptive leadership techniques tailored to their independent living success.

Implementation Timeline: 13-18 months

Target population: High school-aged youth with disabilities

Number served: TDN does not currently have a youth program. Breaking Barriers would allow them to serve 40 high school-aged youth with disabilities. The funding would also build a base curriculum that can be used in future years and shared with other Disability Networks across Michigan.

Budget:

Project Expense Description	Total Expense	Impact100 Genesee County Funds	Description
Salaries	\$24,000	\$24,000	Contracting Youth program consultants/subject matter experts, Occupational and Rec Therapy services
Travel	\$2,300	\$2,300	Transportation for youth participants to and from program sites
Supplies	\$25,000	\$25,000	Adaptive equipment/ technology lease
Admin	\$5,700	\$5,700	Contract management, communication
TOTAL	\$57,000	\$57,000	

If the project budget exceeds the grant amount, explain the additional sources of funding:

Not applicable

How will the project be sustained after the funds are used? We would continue to apply for additional funding and seek partnerships to sustain the program.