It is my pleasure to share with you MI-DDI’s accomplishments for 2016-2017.

This has been an exciting time of growth and change. I started as the new director of the Institute on January 1st, 2016 and we have had a very busy year. We changed our name and logo to the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute (MI-DDI) to better reflect our reach in serving individuals with disabilities across the state. We led a consortium of six universities in securing a LEND program – a first for the state of Michigan. The numbers we share are just part of the story. The real story is how our nationally recognized faculty, staff and students are making a positive difference in individual lives across Michigan and beyond. I am grateful to my predecessor, Dr. Barbara LeRoy, for her decades of outstanding leadership. The growth MI-DDI has experienced this past year is due to the strong foundation she created.

Please visit our website at middi.wayne.edu to learn more.

Sharon Milberger, ScD
Director

Dr. Sharon Milberger  Dr. Barbara LeRoy
Interdisciplinary Education

Michigan Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities is an interdisciplinary leadership program.

6 Universities across Michigan.

9 students from 6 disciplines in inaugural cohort.

www.milend.wayne.edu
Graduate Certificate in Disabilities

40+ master’s level students prepared for careers in the disabilities field.

www.ddi.wayne.edu/certificate

ARIE Co-Curricular Project

Collaboration between MI-DDI & WSU School of Medicine

40 medical students interacting with 20 families with children with disabilities

www.ddi.wayne.edu/arie
MI-DDI Staff Leadership Development

Ann Carrellas  Amal Alsamawi

2 MI-DDI staff selected to participate in the prestigious 2017 Leadership Academy for Cultural Diversity and Cultural and Linguistic Competence.

MI-DDI staff member Angela Martin selected to participate in esteemed national AUCD Leadership Institute.

WSU Learning Community

Expanded to include a second Peer Mentor for the 2017-18 academic year to accommodate growing student interest.

20 students supported by Students Sharing Success (S3) Learning Community Peer Mentor.
Research

**Michigan Home & Community based Services (HCBS)**

- Collaboration with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).
- Project continuing and expanding.

Project information disseminated **statewide** to individuals with disabilities.

Over **5,000** surveys completed by beneficiaries and providers.

www.ddi.wayne.edu/hcbs
Voluntary collaboration of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) and the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) to measure the performance of Michigan and other states on key indicators of performance.

Over 2,300 surveys completed by MI-DDI since 2014.

www.ddi.wayne.edu/nci

Diabetes Prevention Program

Collaboration with MDHHS and the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

MI-DDI provides research and support to increase participation of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Diabetes Prevention Program Activities.

www.ddi.wayne.edu/dpp
Community Supports & Services

National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC)

29 families assisted in acquiring health care coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace.

Community Support & Training

Over 5,000 individuals supported through Community Training, Technical Assistance, and Continuing Education.

Self-Advocates of Michigan

Along with its Michigan DD Network partners, MI-DDI helped establish the first Board of Directors of the Self-Advocates of Michigan (SAM) in 2016.
Empowerment Education

Over 1,050 Direct Support Professionals (DSP) and other support staff trained.

Since 1998, over 20,000 Michigan DSPs, support staff, and educators have been trained on topics related to improving support for individuals with disabilities.

Independent Facilitation

MI-DDI is a recognized leader in training Independent Facilitators (IF) in Michigan

75 individuals training

www.ddi.wayne.edu/if

International Advocacy

Julia Hernandez, traveled to Monterrey, Mexico as part of an international group of advocates and social service professionals to share the parent perspective on the value of supporting families and enhancing family integration through social work practice
**Information Dissemination**

**New MI-DDI Website**

Newly launched MI-DDI website at middi.wayne.edu features a custom accessibility panel increasing ease of navigation.

Emily Milligan-Thompson

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Over **12,700** unique website visitors and **27,300 page views** over the last year.

Michael Bray, Associate Director for Dissemination and Technology

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**New Name and Logo, Same Mission**

🌟 DDI was renamed the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute (MI-DDI) in 2016 to reflect the Institute’s commitment to serving individuals across the entire state.
Reach of MI-DDI Staff and Materials 2016-17

Dissemination of information to over 15,000 individuals with disabilities and professionals through:

- training manuals
- project reports
- research articles
- manuscripts
- pamphlets
- brochures
- web-based educational videos
- 20+ conference and event presentations and invited talks across Michigan, the United States, and internationally

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

MI-DDI provides ongoing support to the Michigan FASD Task Force to deliver vital information regarding research, services, and supports to FASD affected individuals and advocates.

Newly revamped FASD website at www.ddi.wayne.edu/fasd provides timely information to families and advocates.
New Possibilities Series Video in 2017

A new video was added to the popular MI-DDI Possibilities series in 2017 and features

Alex Kimmel
the Self-Determinator.

The video portrays
Alex’s busy schedule
as a family member,
employee, advocate, and trainer
in the disability field. It shows the
richness of a self-directed life.

All 7 videos in the Possibilities series can be found at https://ddi.wayne.edu/possibilities.
MI-DDI is located on the campus of Wayne State University in the heart of Detroit’s cultural center.