

Most Valuable Providers (MVP)

Who We Are: The Autism Alliance of Michigan, Disability Rights Michigan, and the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute each received COVID-19 Supplement IV grants to ensure greater equity and access to vaccinations for people disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Our organizations have joined together to optimize the collective impact of our funding.



Our vision is to create healthy communities for all. To achieve this vision and sustain our efforts long-term, we are inviting health providers to become **Most Valuable Providers (MVP)** and offer vaccination and health clinic experiences that are accessible and welcoming to all people across Michigan, including people with disabilities.

Why is MVP Needed?

Disability is Common:

1 in 4 adults in the United States has a disability.

People with Disabilities Experience Health Disparities:

including higher rates of diabetes, stroke, COPD, cancer, and depression compared to those without disabilities.

People with Disabilities Experience Barriers to Adequate Health Care Including:

Attitudinal: Ableism, stereotyping, stigma, and discrimination.

Physical: Obstacles that prevent access or block mobility such as curbs and steps.

Transportation: Lack of adequate and accessible transportation.

Social determinants of health: Including lack of affordable and accessible housing, and lower rates of employment, education, and income.

Lack of Disability Data Perpetuates Disparities:

We measure what we treasure.

- Data collection is a fundamental pillar of public health.
- Inaccurate/inadequate data can misguide public health responses.
- We can't show how we are moving the needle on disparities without disability status.

People with Disabilities are Disproportionately Affected by COVID

People with disabilities are 6x more likely to die from COVID-19 than those without disabilities.

References: *Disability, Health Equity & COVID-19*, <https://nichm.org/publications/disability-health-equity>. Published Sept 21, 2021. MDHHS Guidelines & Best Practices for Accessibility at Michigan Vaccination Sites. Updated May 11, 2021.



How to Become MVP Certified

MVP CRITERIA



Trained Workforce

Required Activity: Healthcare Workers Complete 90-Minute online MVP Disability Training at <https://ddi.wayne.edu/mvp/disability>
FREE CME/CEUs for physicians, nurses, social workers, PAs, OTs, PTs, and RDs.



Accessible Site

Required Activity: Site completes MVP Accessibility Checklist at: <https://ddi.wayne.edu/mvp/mvp-accessibility-checklist.pdf>



Sensory-Friendly Site

Required Activity: Site completes the MVP Sensory-Friendly Environment Checklist at: <https://ddi.wayne.edu/mvp/mvp-sensory-friendly-checklist-2025.pdf>



Disability Data Collection

Required Activity: Disability status questions asked for each patient and accommodation needs asked for those with disabilities

Six questions used by the American Community Survey (ACS) and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) to determine disability

1. Are you deaf, hard of hearing, or do you have serious difficulty hearing? (Yes/No)
2. Are you blind, or do you have serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses? (Yes/No)
3. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions (5 years old or older)? (Yes/No)
4. Do you have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs (5 years old or older)? (Yes/No)
5. Do you have difficulty dressing or bathing (5 years old or older)? (Yes/No)
6. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, do you have difficulty doing errand such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping (15 years old or older)? (Yes/No)



For the more information including the pdf checklists and accessibility resources, visit: www.ddi.wayne.edu/mvp

There are no fees associated with the MVP certification program.

MVP certified organizations are offered MVP promotional materials and recognized on the MVP website.