The mission of the Western Michigan University Center for Disability Services is to help people who because of age, illness or disability need assistance to live life fully. Through our community living, care coordination, skill building and aging services, our goal is to support a person’s intellectual and physical functioning and independence by minimizing the negative impact of age or disability on their life, and assisting them to remain living at home and participating in their community. CDS also provides WMU students with an opportunity for innovative learning and discovery in the field of aging and disabilities through internships, volunteering and employment.

Our vision is to provide high quality supports and services and to help all people be active members of their community and achieve the highest quality of life possible.

Our values:

- All people are valued members of society.
- All people have the right to make choices affecting their lives.
- People who receive our services are unique individuals who should be cherished, treated with sincere understanding and respect, and provided with lifelong learning opportunities.

The George Ishler Wellness Lab will focus on interprofessional practice for collaborative education with students from speech, language, and hearing sciences; music therapy, physical therapy, social work, holistic health and occupational therapy.

It has been an exciting year at CDS! After acquiring the property at 110 Cork St. in 2017 followed by 18+ months of planning, construction is underway. WMU’s Adult Wellness Programs will be opening later this year after extensive renovations. Funding for the project came from private donors and foundations. The building will house WMU Senior Day Services and the George Ishler Wellness Lab. Both will serve as a place for faculty to educate students while serving older adults in our community. The services will be a model for achieving optimal health and wellness.
Western Michigan University Center for Disability Services

165,981 Total hours of direct service

85% average goal achievement

93% of participants met goals at CDS throughout the year

115 student employees

251 people served

$471,962 paid out for student wages

42% of individuals served at WMU Senior Day Services are Veterans

Hosted 112 intern and practicum students from WMU

712 participant goals attempted

Contract Fees 91%

Misc. 1%

Private Fees 8% Revenues

Contract Fees $2,512,337

Private Fees $211,892

Misc. $30,911

TOTAL $2,755,140

Expenses

Compensation $1,694,286

Operating Expenses $875,385

TOTAL $2,569,671

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