

Center for Disability Services

2020-21 Annual Report



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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.

Dear Friends,

I am proud to announce that despite the ongoing pandemic, we managed to have a successful 40th year of providing services to support and assist individuals with disabilities and the aging population.

This past year we achieved Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) reaccreditation for the maximum three years. The survey team commended CDS for the commitment and passion of the entire organization and was impressed by the relationship that continues with WMU departments that have helped to implement best practices and provide a great training ground for students to apply real-world experience.



We welcomed Andrea Perez, Ph.D. as the new coordinator of Community Connections as Jill Svinicki retired in late 2020.

Although our census for each program is lower than in past years, we continue to grow our programs with safety as a priority.

We are thankful for the ongoing leadership, and financial support of Integrated Services of Kalamazoo. They helped to sustain our services throughout this past year, and we are especially grateful for their support. We also continue to appreciate our academic ties to the College of Health and Human Services and the faculty and student collaborations made possible by the various departments.

We are excited to embark upon a new year as we continue to see growth in the people we serve, our community partnerships and service to the community.

Sincerely,

Carol Sundberg, Ph.D.
Director, Center for Disability Services



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 programs offered at CDS are designed to empower individuals who are aging or have disabilities to become more independent, participate in their community and get the supports they need to live a joyous and healthy life.

69,929

Total hours of direct service

97%

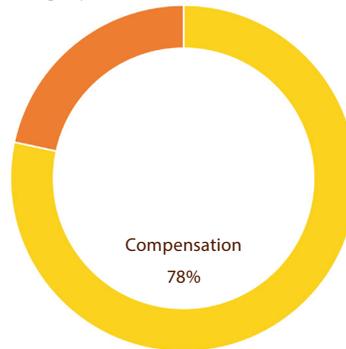


of participants met goals at CDS throughout the year



Revenues	
Private Fees	\$90,404
Contract Fees	\$1,401,615
Reserves	\$62,790
TOTAL	\$1,554,809

Operating Expenses 37%



Expenses	
Compensation	\$1,218,213
Operating Expenses	\$336,596 <small>includes* depreciation</small>
TOTAL	\$1,554,809

72 student employees

162
people served



\$281,868
paid out in
student wages

94%

of participants
in community
connections and
senior day services
enjoy coming to
day programming

31%
of individuals
served at WMU
Senior Day Services



Hosted
54

intern and practicum
students from WMU

909

participant goals
attempted

