



A Case For Inclusion 2022

As the fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic continues to impact the lives of people with disabilities, MI-UCP would like to share with you the [2022 Case for Inclusion, Blazing Trails to Sustainability for Community Disability Services](#).

This year's report centers around the direct support professional crisis. This crisis is nothing new to advocates, as we have faced a steady decline in the availability of direct support professionals over the past decade. This is primarily due to the stagnant reimbursement rates and the rising cost of care. Service providers and people wishing to hire their own direct support professionals cannot offer competitive wages or health insurance and are losing staff to other hourly wage industries such as fast food.

MI-UCP invites you to participate in a meeting with Michigan State Representatives to discuss the 2022 Case for Inclusion and this direct support professional crisis. (click link to join)

Friday, May 6, 2022, 2PM with Representative Luke Meerman (R) 88th District (Allendale, Georgetown, Tallmadge, Wright, Chester, Coopersville and Polkton Townships in Ottawa County)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86787870113?pwd=REpDNGZlN2RzaXZWdUR6L2ppckZGdzO9>

Monday, May 9, 2022, 11:30AM with Representative Kelly Breen (D) 38th District (Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, and Northville)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81012265020?pwd=UIMwWmhTUnBoVOdES2hTVmRBWHhSUTO9>

Friday, May 13, 2022, Noon with Representative Ranjeev Puri (D), 21st District (Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89233929514?pwd=Q25yV2lkbnWE4aEN6cUJrMU1hUDUwZzO9>

Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 9AM with Representative Tullio Liberati (D) 13th District (Allen Park, Southgate and Dearborn Heights).
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83546225692?pwd=cEhxZOd4OXFVbWlKV0FTb2ZxLOQ4dzO9>

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