2020 SAIL Annual Report (text only)

How we helped our neighbors with disabilities in 2020

15 U.P. Counties served

515 Individuals served

3,638 information and referral services to communities throughout the U.P.

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How we helped others find the right information and support

Provided 26,999 hours of disability related community services throughout the U.P.

With CARES Act funding, SAIL conducted 143 covid needs assessments and provided 35 individuals with PPE, tablets, and transportation support related to the pandemic.

Advocated and assisted 127 individuals in finding supports and resources to an affordable and accessible home.

Supported 151 individuals who have SSI/SSDI with benefits planning through partnership with UCP Michigan Metro Detroit

63.18% of the SAIL team live with a disability

70% of the SAIL Board members live with a disability

In partnership with UPHP (Upper Peninsula Health Plan), we served 19 individuals with SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery) services which supports those that are homeless who live with a serious mental illness.

How we helped people with their independent living skills

Supported 264 individuals with independent living skills training, life skills and advocacy services.

Provided 1,853 health related hours of services and activities to 56 individuals, this includes the SPAR and U.P. Vets SERVED program which hosts wellness events for veterans and military families.

Provided 29 device demonstrations, 11 short term device loans and completed 615 hours of community awareness and advocacy about assistive technology for 35 individuals.

Collaborated with Michigan Rehabilitation Services to provide 7,558 hours of support to serve 433 individuals seeking employment, learning IL skills and becoming more financially self-sufficient.

How we helped the community be more accessible and inclusive

Completed 5 sets of ADA reviews that included 35 reports to individual entities such as U.P. parks and recreation, municipalities and businesses to assist with improving access in their facilities and programs.

Served 53 individuals of Native American descent and provided housing, peer counseling and independent living skills training services in the second year of the federal grant by the Administration for Community Living to provide services to the five tribal communities in the U.P.

Hosted 11th annual Chocolate Festival to raise $6,776 for the One In Five Annual Appeal to provide inclusive, barrier-free events in the community.

How our money comes and goes

Money In

2 percent contributions and miscellaneous

45 percent grant revenue

53 percent program services

Money Out

0 percent fundraising

18 percent management and general

82 percent program services

We know discrimination when we see it, and we need to be fighting it together. Judith Heumann, lifelong advocate for the rights of people living with a disability.

The year 2020 was hard at times for all but that didn’t change the “can-do” attitude of many of the individuals in our community.

Success Story

In Spring 2020, SAIL staff supported an individual from Houghton who was alternating between sleeping in cars and couch surfing. We provided community navigation that included resources and communication to a local church. The support helped them with food and shelter via a hotel for six days. During these six days, SAIL staff communicated with MSHDA about an available 1 bedroom project based voucher for an apartment in Marquette. SAIL was also able to assist with a tablet and support them with funding for transportation through the CARES program due to local pandemic restrictions. Once in Marquette, prior to the apartment being ready, SAIL provided more support for the individual with navigation to Room at the Inn, Janzen House and CAAM (Community Action Alger/Marquette) for temporary housing services. During the summer months, the SAIL SOAR practitioner also helped them fill out critical forms to assist with their social security application for disability benefits. By the fall and after hard work put in by the individual and SAIL staff, they moved into the new apartment, and was approved for disability benefits! Success was achieved through teamwork, SOAR program services, housing advocacy, CARES act funding, food assistance, social opportunities and assistive technology. Congratulations to the individual on accomplishing your independent living goals!

Thank you donors of our 2020 One in Five Annual Appeal!

Total donations $22,195

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Chocolate Festival proceeds

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Anonymous

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What we believe about diversity and inclusion

We believe people deserve the opportunity to make their own choices, improve skills, and thrive in their community with full access and inclusion. Systemic racism, ableism, and implicit bias directly challenge these access and inclusion efforts. SAIL vows to treat all people with dignity and respect and to value each person individually. We will continue to do our part to advocate and support equal access for all throughout the Upper Peninsula.