



Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy (ACA) was one of the first organizations in Michigan to advocate for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

In 1949, a group of Washtenaw County parents organized to make life better for their children residing in the state public school, Michigan Children's Village, an institution for children with Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) in Coldwater Michigan. Their grassroots efforts expanded into advocating for education and institutional freedom. They believed, as we do today, that each person, regardless of their disability, deserves access to authentic power and control over their life. Their dynamic contributions to the field of disability rights advocacy built the strong foundation for the work ACA has accomplished for over 73 years.

ACA provides systems (Education, Social Security, Community Mental Health, etc.) advocacy, education, support, and information and referral for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities across the span of their lives.

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