

## How do I get involved?

### Who can join DPAC?

Membership is open to individuals and organizations that support DPAC's priorities and meet membership expectations.

### What are the expectations of a DPAC member?

All members meet at least twice a year. They are expected to actively participate in at least one workgroup/committee. Workgroups/committees meet monthly, usually by conference call, to discuss progress toward goals.

### What are the benefits of DPAC membership?

- ◆ Expand knowledge, skills and leadership related to diabetes.
- ◆ Increase and promote partnerships through networking.
- ◆ Influence state policy and coordinate activities.
- ◆ Celebrate statewide progress in reducing the impact of diabetes and its complications.

*Diabetes is one of the most controllable and often preventable chronic diseases.*

### Contact Information:

For more information on DPAC, please visit our website by going to [www.dpacmi.org](http://www.dpacmi.org)

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# Michigan's Diabetes Partners in Action Coalition



## Providing Statewide Leadership in Diabetes Support





**Mission:**

To provide statewide leadership to prevent and control diabetes and reduce its impact in Michigan.

**Vision:**

Through active collaboration, DPAC has mobilized resources to ensure a unified course toward the reduction of diabetes and its complications in Michigan.

**What is DPAC?**

The Diabetes Partners in Action Coalition (DPAC) is a partnership of individuals and organizations actively working to inform, motivate, and activate people in Michigan who are affected by diabetes or working with people with diabetes.

**What is special about DPAC?**

Since 1978, DPAC has been the only statewide gathering of diabetes partners in Michigan. The coalition and the Michigan Diabetes Prevention and Control Program work as partners to assess and plan key initiatives that accomplish the recommendations in the Michigan Diabetes Strategic Plan.

**What are DPAC's goals?**

- ◆ Expand diabetes primary prevention activities.
- ◆ Develop an ongoing public awareness campaign.
- ◆ Ensure access to self-management training, supplies, and health care.
- ◆ Reduce health disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations.
- ◆ Improve knowledge of the impact of diabetes, research, and programs available to improve quality and reduce costs.
- ◆ Increase evidence-based clinical knowledge among service providers.



**DPAC has five workgroups to address these goals:**

- ◆ Prevention
- ◆ Communications and Public Awareness
- ◆ Advocacy and Policy
- ◆ Data, Research, and Evaluation
- ◆ Training and Education Programs



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