**What barriers have you or are currently experiencing that impact your ability to live independently in your community?**

**Responses:**

1. His job has nothing for helping people with learning disabilities to be successful. No chance to move up from cart pushing. Discriminated against for job promotion due to disability. Denied participation on employee board.
2. Prescriptions cost too much – insulin.
3. Spectran – curb to curb transport services – have to notify 24 hours in advance and then long wait times.
4. Borderline legally blind/learning disabled.
5. Using the city bus.
6. I haven’t to much. The entry ramps to business is nice.
7. Affording Spectran passes and my health.

**What would you like to change in your community?**

**Responses:**

1. Expand public transportation stops near more apartment complexes and student housing.
2. Expand Spectran service area. Close gap in service area.
3. More benefits for learning disabled persons.
4. I would, to enforce the law to not using phones while driving.
5. More shelters at the stops. (CATA)
6. Safety at bus stops. (CATA)
7. Safety issues in general.
8. Spectran drivers’ attitudes.

**What independently living services are most important to you?**

**Responses:**

1. Spectran for transportation.
2. DNCA – MRS services for career placement, Peckham has been a bridge for employment. All BSBP services.
3. Transportation/Employment.
4. Crosswalk signals.
5. Elder Law Michigan.
6. Be able to get out in the community and to my own doctors appointment.

**What IL services do you need that are not available in your community?**

**Responses:**

1. Some CMH programs may be shutting down that are needed – what will happen to those consumer services?
2. Punch out the frustration therapy which is no longer available.
3. Talking traffic lights crosswalk.
4. Food stamp help.
5. Help with grants for outside educational conferences.
6. Monitorial and ED assistance.
7. Computer help. (voice activation help) (speak to unite software)
8. Medical assistance. (unable to afford nutritional liquid nutrition)

**What services have you received from a center for independent living (CIL)?**

**Responses:**

1. Advocacy, IL Skills, Peer Support, I&R, healthy relationships, music therapy – would like to see this come back, cooking classes. Found great value in all of these.
2. Job opportunities.
3. Safety in community, safety in social meeting and cooking classes.
4. Spectran certification.
5. I take the art classes that I love and now am teaching some of them and it is making me feel whole again since my disability.

**What services would you like to see your CIL provide?**

**Responses:**

1. Music Therapy, transitional program for homemaking, relationship classes, life skills classes.
2. No other services are needed by me at this time.
3. Guest speakers.
4. To be a hub for all different types of services, if I need clothing you can give me a referral, if I need food you can give me a referral, etc.

**Do you have equal access to programs and activities in your community? Why or why not?**

**Responses:**

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes, because I receive help.
4. Yes, if I know about them.
5. Yes

**Are you treated equally in your community? Why or why not?**

**Responses:**

1. Yes and no. Sometimes get lost in the city and end up in bad areas where people were threatening to them.
2. Yes.
3. Yes, certain places know me by name.
4. Yes, except when I park at Meijer. In handicap parking and hobble in without my cane and get looks from people.
5. No, people treat me like I am in the way.

**Do you feel safe in your community? Why or Why not?**

**Responses:**

1. Yes, in our current location.
2. Yes
3. Yes, because I know there are resources to help.
4. No, not really the neighborhood I live in due to financial restrictions.
5. No, because of all the beggars.

**What do you find satisfying in your life and why?**

**Responses:**

1. Having a car, house, being independent, and being engaged and having a mom that cares.
2. Have a job. Pride in job. Use job as way through disability. Don’t like being labeled disabled.
3. Being able to go out to places and do things. Because then I can interact with people and get to know them.
4. Finding Disability Network Capital Area and the activities there.
5. Being able to help other people teaching the art classes.

**What do you worry about? What keeps you up at night?**

**Responses:**

1. Loss of employment because of disability. Not being able to afford current lifestyle.
2. Worry about not having a good job in the future.
3. Safety of little children.
4. Money.
5. My health.
6. Money running out.
7. My house repairs not having the money to pay for them.

**What have we not asked you about that you feel is important regarding your independent living experiences, services, and barriers in Michigan?**

**Responses:**

1. Lake of rural public transportation.
2. Transportation authority personnel speak down to us.
3. They need training in contact with pwd’s.
4. No name tags.
5. Nothing.
6. Not driving and getting out of town to medical appointments to far for my medical transportation. They won’t let me go to second opinions in like Ann Arbor.

**What would you like to see in the next State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)?**

**Responses:**

1. A council of consumers.
2. More consumers come to DNCAP to needed service.
3. More outreach by DNCAP to let people know about service.
4. Have consumers do more testimonies by video, FB, Instagram.
5. All curb cuts painted.
6. To open back up the centers.