

## Advocacy. Another way MI-UCP is closing the disability divide.



Lauren discovered how to advocate for herself before starting college and her career as a therapist, and she now helps others.

At MI-UCP, we utilize a Person Centered Advocacy model to provide comprehensive supports for people with disabilities in becoming full participating members in their communities. This includes education, employment, recreation, and basic necessities such as food, clothing, and financial resources. The MI-UCP Advocacy Program provides:

- Assistance in applying for benefits
- Assistance in accessing community resources
- Referrals to appropriate agencies for services and funding
- Assisting consumers and families to access special education services and develop plans which meet the educational needs of students
- Workshops for parents and professionals

At MI-UCP, we believe everyone has the right to live to the best of their abilities and go as far as their ambitions will take them. Advocacy helped Lauren and now she is helping others to close the disability divide.

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