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**Presentation Description:** "Have you heard about Independent Facilitation and want to know more? Do you want to use an Independent Facilitator in your next Person-Centered Planning process? How can Independent Facilitation help you with your Person-Centered Planning process?"

**Presenters:** Kristen Columbus, Angela Martin

**Date/Time:** Thu, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12-1 pm

**Presenter biographies:**

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**Angela Martin** is the Senior Associate Director at the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute (MI-DDI) at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Angela has a Master of Social Work from Wayne State University. She has experience in resource development, curriculum design, and training programs on Self-Determination, Person-Centered Planning, Family Supports, and Leadership/Self-Advocacy. Angela has led several statewide projects on Self-Determination, Family Support, and quality community-based services and supports.

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