



National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month's

March 2017

Side-by-Side **Week 1** Campaign

*Unite in support of the **DDPC** goals of Advocacy, Capacity Building and Systems Change*



Developmental Disability Awareness Month



Our goals for this month are to create awareness about developmental disabilities, tell stories of people who live with a disability, and show their lives.

For anyone who wants to post information related to the campaign or search for campaign-related posts, use the hashtag or search for the hashtag #DDawareness17.

[CHECK OUR WEBSITE for UPDATES](#)

Week 1 ~ "Learning"

FEATURING

Resource #1	<p>Transition Toolkit</p> <p>From the state of Washington</p> <p>Transition is a term educators use to talk about preparing for life after high school. Transition spans several years.</p>
Resource #2	<p>Higher Education Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities</p> <p>From Texas</p> <p>Getting prepared includes developing good study habits, exploring educational options, considering how you will pay for higher education, and thinking about a career field</p>
	<p>Amira Rasheed - Amira shares her journey to success with supports provided during her post secondary education. Click on Amira's name for the entire story.</p>
	<p>Daniel Ekman - Daniel shares his story and experiences related to his education and being a teacher. Click on Daniel's name for his story.</p>
NEXT WEEK	<p>Stay tuned for an update next week on our Week 2: Employment stories and resources.</p>

SAVE THE DATE:



MARCH is
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
AWARENESS MONTH:
Life Side by Side

#DDawareness17

Side by Side Celebration
Monday

March 27, 2017

2 to 4:30 PM

North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center

[Download the flyer here.](#)

[Map to the Center and information.](#)

SPREAD THE WORD!

Refreshments ~ Side by Side Stories ~ Music & activities

This event is being hosted by three agencies:
UNM's Center for Development and Disability (CDD),
the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC),
and Disability Rights New Mexico (DRNM).

March is

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

In an effort to spread **awareness about developmental disabilities**, the [National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities \(NACDD\)](#), [Association of University Centers on Disabilities \(AUCD\)](#), and [National Disability Rights Network \(NDRN\)](#) are partnering to launch a **social media campaign** to highlight the many ways in which people with and without developmental disabilities come together to form **strong, diverse communities**.



Photo of advocates at DDPC
Fall Class 2016

The campaign seeks to raise awareness about the **inclusion** of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of **community life**, as well as, awareness to the **barriers** that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live.

Click [here](#) for a flyer about our celebration
on March 27th
that you can share with family and friends.

**Center for
Self Advocacy**

The **New Mexico Center for Self Advocacy** is a place where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities go to meet, organize, work and train others on how to improve their quality of life. Our goal is to help and support people with developmental disabilities in becoming empowered, making their own decisions, speaking up for themselves and others, taking control of their own lives, creating awareness about disability issues and achieving maximum independence and quality of life.

Guardianship Program

Need a guardian or more information about guardianship?
The **Guardianship Program** is a statewide, publicly funded guardianship services program for guardians of last resort for income and resource-eligible incapacitated adults.

The **Guardianship Program** provides guardians, legal services for court proceedings and even trained Mental Health Treatment Guardians.

Federal Program

The **Federal Program** addresses five key areas including self-advocacy, education and early intervention, leadership/quality assurance, community action and support and employment.

The organizations funded through the **Federal Program** and others are supported by federal funding.

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