



National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month's

March 2017

Side-by-Side **Week 2** Campaign

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



Developmental Disabilities 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 2 ~ Working

FEATURING

Resource #1	<p>Partners for Employment From New Mexico</p> <p>This is a very helpful New Mexico organization that has programs for job seekers, employers, providers, and school to work transition experts. Partners for Employment is a collaborative approach to increasing employment outcomes for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Click on their name to learn more.</p>
Resource #2	<p>Employment Toolkit From Montana</p> <p>Resources for wage employment, self-employment, on-the-job training programs, and Social Security work incentives. It also shows you how to make a video resume. Click on the blue "Employment Toolkit" to enter the website. Then, either click on the red titles for the slides or watch the videos.</p>
	<p>Lindsay Sloan - Lindsay shares her story of asking for an accommodation at her job. Click on Lindsay's name for the entire story.</p>
	<p>Tara Chavez - Tara shares her journey of doing on-the-job training programs that led to her current full-time job. Click on Tara's name for her story.</p>
NEXT WEEK	Stay tuned for an update next week on our Week 3 Communities stories and resources.

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).



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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



Photo of advocates at DDPC
Fall Class 2016

[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**.

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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