



*National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month's*

March 2017

## Side-by-Side **Week 3** Campaign

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



## **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**


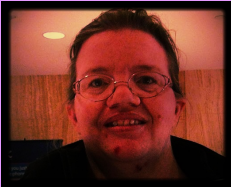
Our goals for this month are to create awareness about developmental disabilities, tell stories of people who live with a disability, and show their lives.

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 3 ~ Community Living**

## FEATURING

Resource #1	<p><a href="#">Natural Supports &amp; Community Connections</a> From Indiana</p> <p>Natural supports are the relationships that occur in everyday life; they may involve family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors and acquaintances. Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities often need help in developing these connections, but once they do, these support systems become an important part of their life in the community. This link has great ideas on how to create and strengthen natural supports.</p>
Resource #2	<p><a href="#">Accessible Places in Your Area</a></p> <p>Find, rate, and share accessible places in New Mexico, around the United States, and in some other countries like France and India.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Valerie Garcia</a> - Valerie shares her journey of surviving after brain surgery at the University of New Mexico Hospital. Click on <b>Valerie's name</b> for her story.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Star Ford</a> - Star shares her observations and challenges about engagement with the community. Click on <b>Star's name</b> for her story.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Sophia Hamilton</a> - Sophia shares her story of being a person in the community. Click on <b>Sophia's name</b> for her story.</p>

Stay tuned for an update next week  
on our Week 4 Life 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).



**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)

Photo of advocates at DDPC  
Fall Class 2016

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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