



*National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month's*

March 2017

## Side-by-Side **Week 4** 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 4 ~ Life**

# FEATURING

<p>Resources</p>	<p><a href="#">Diversity &amp; Inclusion Toolkit</a> From the Association of University Centers on Disability</p> <p>This toolkit provides concrete objectives, strategies, and resources on diversity, inclusion, and cultural and linguistic competence for people with developmental disabilities. Be sure to watch the video introduction by Aaron Bishop, the commissioner of the Administration on Disabilities.</p> <p><a href="#">People First Language</a> From Texas</p> <p>In addition to a handout on people first language, this site has guidance on the continued changes in public awareness and eliminating the worst stereotypes.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Alicia Lucoski</a> - Alicia tells her life story including about her job. <b>Click on Alicia's name for her story.</b></p>
	<p><a href="#">Cynthia Berkheimer</a> - Cynthia shares her journey with acting including being in plays at the VSA and meeting a famous actress. <b>Click on Cynthia's name for her story.</b></p>
	<p><a href="#">Carlos Duran</a> - Carlos shares his story of having a brain injury and how brain injury groups have helped him. <b>Click on Carlos' name for his story.</b></p>
	<p><a href="#">Shana Heath</a> - Shana shares her story of living in the community. <b>Click on Shana's name for her story.</b></p>



MARCH is  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
AWARENESS MONTH:  
Life Side by Side

#DDawareness17

**The Side-by-Side Celebration  
on March 27 at the  
North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center  
was fantastic!**



**It included:**

- Side-by-Side Stories from several advocates and Fellows from the *Advocate Leadership Academy*
- Music, a skit, and a poem by the *SquarePegz*
- Drawings for gift giveaways
- Legislative update on disability issues
- Exhibit tables from EPICS, PRO, and others

Lots of great food donated by our amazing sponsors:

Garcia's on Central

Buca Di Beppo

Albertson's on Montgomery

Chili's on Wyoming  
Chili's on Menaul  
Buffalo Wild Wings  
Dion's on Academy  
Taco Cabana  
Quarters  
Mario's  
Dion's on Wyoming  
Applebee's on Holly

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

Plan to join us next March!

### 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



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.

## 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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