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ACL and the Leadership Conference: This Autism Awareness Month, Let's Remember that our Movements are Interconnected

As Autism Awareness Month comes to a close, Administration on Disabilities Commissioner Aaron Bishop and the Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights President & CEO Wade Henderson [published a joint blog post](#) on the importance of collaboration between the disability rights and other civil rights movements.

This Autism Awareness Month, many self-advocates have been making their voices heard and shifting the autism conversation from awareness to acceptance.

They are seeking inclusion, participation, self-determination, and respect—rights that should sound familiar to any advocate for civil and human rights.

The stories shared this month by people with autism, often using #AcceptAllOfUs, also illustrate the diversity of the autistic community. People with autism reflect a variety of cultures, languages, faiths, genders, ages, sexualities, and more. Each of these can affect how a person experiences autism or any other disability.

Similarly, living with a disability can shape a person's experience with, for example, faith or culture.

As advocates for civil and human rights, we must recognize that the challenges our communities face are very often intertwined.

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