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## **Celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, an opportunity to celebrate the many contributions people with developmental disabilities make to our society.

The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, Association of University Centers on Disabilities and National Disability Rights Network have partnered 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 the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to their communities. Throughout the month, they will be posting resources on social media including videos, blogs, toolkits and other shareable content.

You can be a part of this campaign by:

- Sharing stories, videos, blogs, and toolkits from the [2017 resource guide](#) on social media all month long (make sure you use #DDAwareness17)
- Sharing your own ["side by side" stories online](#) and [submitting resources](#) to be added to the campaign's resource guide.
- Download a ["Life Side by Side" graphics](#) to use on social media or in your e-mail signature.

Visit the [#DDAwareness17](#) page for more information on the campaign and follow ACL on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) all month for Developmental Disabilities Month stories and resources.

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