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DD Awareness Month

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. All month, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will be sharing blogs and resources through their <u>listserv</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages. We hope you will join in celebrating the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in the community!

To help you get involved, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD), Association of University Centers on Disabilities and National Disabilities Rights Network have partnered on a social media campaign that highlights the many ways in which people with and without disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities. The campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all areas of community life, as well as the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in their communities.

The campaign has developed <u>a social media guide</u> with content you can post throughout the month. The guide includes four themed weeks and will be updated with additional content each Monday. There are no set guidelines for posting - feel free to share whatever you want, whenever you want, and remember to use #DDAwareness19!

If you have resources or materials that you think should be included, please email Jessica Misilo at imisilo@nacdd.org. Examples of resources include videos, toolkits, news articles, photos, personal stories, and promising practices.

New this year, the campaign will be highlighting artwork created by people with disabilities. NACDD will be showcasing the artwork by <u>Gary Murrel</u> featured in the DD Awareness Month banner above.

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