American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)

AAIDD's Principles
AAIDD has adopted a 13-point set of principles (or core values) relative to its mission:

- Achieving full societal inclusion and participation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Advocating for equality, individual dignity and other human rights.
- Expanding opportunities for choice and self-determination.
- Influencing positive attitudes and public awareness by recognizing the contributions of people with intellectual disabilities.
- Promoting genuine accommodations to expand participation in all aspects of life.
- Aiding families and other caregivers to provide support in the community.
- Increasing access to quality health, education, vocational, and other human services and supports.
- Advancing basic and applied research to prevent or minimize the effects of intellectual disability and to enhance the quality of life.
- Cultivating and providing leadership in the field.
- Seeking a diversity of disciplines, cultures, and perspectives in our work.
- Enhancing skills, knowledge, rewards and conditions of people working in the field.
- Encouraging promising students to pursue careers in the field of disabilities.
- Establishing partnerships and strategic alliances with organizations that share our values and goals.

AAIDD's Goals
AAIDD's goals are to
1. Enhance the capacity of professionals who work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
2. Participate in the development of a society that fully includes individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
3. Build an effective, responsive, well managed, responsibly-governed, and sustainable organization.