

## OTHER RESOURCES

### Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



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#### [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.