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The Louisiana DD Council is pleased to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an annual awareness campaign that takes place each October. Tracing its history back to 1945, the purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate the public about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "Expect. Employ. Empower."

Throughout the month, the Council will be featuring information on employment of people with disabilities as well as individual success stories. The Council believes people with disabilities deserve the opportunity to contribute their productivity in their communities. Unfortunately, far too few Louisianans with disabilities have real jobs in the community. We continue to advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities to have opportunities to realize their full potential in integrated, competitive jobs.

Please read the Council's position on [Employment of People with Developmental Disabilities](#).

Employers and employees in all industries can learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ways they can promote its messages — during October and throughout the year — by visiting the Office of Disability Policy website at www.dol.gov/odep/.