



## Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

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To coincide with National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Governor John Bel Edwards has proclaimed March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Louisiana. The proclamation reads, in part, *"celebrating the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities can only serve to enrich the communities of Louisiana and enhance our diversity."* Read the full proclamation [HERE](#).

To highlight the many ways in which people with and without developmental disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities, the Council is pleased to announce its participation in a national social media campaign to be launched by the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, Association of University Centers on Disabilities, and National Disability Rights Network.

The campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as, awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live, and the Council hopes you will participate.

This year's theme is "See Me for Me!" To us, this means looking beyond someone's disability and seeing them as a person and not just a person with a disability. Throughout March the Council will highlight different facets of life where individuals with developmental disabilities are included. The schedule is listed below:

- March 1-9: See Me As Your Classmate - Education
- March 12-16: See Me As Your Coworker - Employment
- March 19-23: See Me As Your Neighbor - Community Living
- March 26-30: See Me As Your Friend - General

### **How can you participate**

This campaign is open to everyone and the Council encourages you to participate. Post or tweet photos, videos or stories on Facebook and Twitter, share or retweet from other people and pages, and be sure to include the hashtag #DDAwareness18. The hashtag will link all conversations about DD Awareness Month across social media.

### **Contact Us**

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