

July is Disability Pride Month

July has been an important month in the history of disability rights ever since the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law in 1990. This landmark legislation prohibited discrimination against people with disabilities.

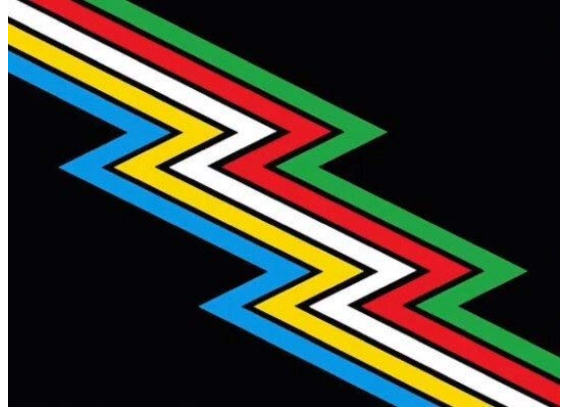
Disability Pride Month is an important time to honor the diversity and uniqueness of each person in the disability community and celebrate people who have disabilities. It is the idea that people with disabilities should be proud of their disabled identity. People with disabilities are the largest and most diverse minority within the population, representing all abilities, ages, races, ethnicities, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Central to the vision of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is ensuring equitable access for all and realizing improved educational outcomes for students with disabilities. In Washington, honoring diversity is not what we do; it's who we are.

To learn more, please visit these resources:

- [National Health Council](#)
- [National Council on Independent Living](#)
- [Town Hall Seattle](#)
- [American Foundation for the Blind](#)

To share additional resources or if you have questions, please contact OSPI Special Education at speced@k12.wa.us.



The Disability Pride Flag was created to encompass all disabilities and was designed by Ann Magill member of the disability community. The black background represents the suffering of the disability community from violence and serves as a color of rebellion and protest. The lightning bolt represents how individuals with disabilities must navigate barriers and demonstrates their creativity in doing so. The five colors represent the variety of needs and experiences: Mental Illness, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Invisible and Undiagnosed Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, and Sensory Disabilities.

