



SOCCEED Meeting, March 17th at 1:00 p.m.

March is recognized as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, officially designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1987 to foster inclusion, advocate for rights, and celebrate the contributions of individuals with disabilities. It highlights the importance of removing barriers and providing opportunities for people to live productive, fulfilling lives.

The SOC will be highlighting the resilience and contributions of people with disabilities through presentations and information pertaining to promoting inclusion, advocacy, rights, awareness and education. There will be an additional focus on people with disabilities in disasters and emergencies.

Many of the children and families that we serve currently have a disability or may at some point. Nearly everyone will experience some form of temporary or long-term disability during their lifetime, with studies indicating that 1 in 4 (25% to 28.7%) US adults currently live with a disability. Furthermore, approximately 25% of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before retirement age making the issue of disability awareness even more important.

All are welcome to hear this important exchange of critical information, resources, increase awareness, and celebrate the enormous contributions of people with disabilities.

