



Disability Awareness and Etiquette

Websites

http://bcmnc.blount.k12.al.us/disability_awareness_links.htm

Blount County Multi-Needs Center in Cleveland, Alabama

This page lists links focusing on disability awareness for children.

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/ada/EtiquetteHandbook2011.asp?res=1024&ver=true>

City of San Antonio: 2011 Disability Etiquette Handbook

This Disability Etiquette Handbook from the City of San Antonio, Texas, has information on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and guidelines for interacting with people with disabilities. The handbook covers topics such as reception and interviewing etiquette and preparing for sign language interpreters.

<http://www.crinet.org/Default.aspx?PageID=2663327&A=SearchResult&SearchID=853039&ObjectID=2663327&ObjectType=1>

Community Resources for Independence: Etiquette

This page has many tips for meeting, helping, and conversing with people with disabilities. There is an “Interacting with People with Disabilities” section with suggestions related to specific disabilities, and a “Using Words With Dignity” section with suggestions on respectful language to use when describing people with disabilities.

<http://www.disabilityisnatural.com/>

Disability is Natural

This site promotes new attitudes toward people with developmental disabilities through a range of articles, presentations and personal stories.

<http://www.disabilityresources.org/DIS-AWARE.html>

DRM WebWatcher: Disability Awareness

This page provides a list of sites that dispel some of the stereotypes and misinformation about people with disabilities, and provide non-disabled people with information that will help them feel more comfortable.

http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ntl_etiquette

Easter Seals: Disability Etiquette

This page has suggestions for interacting with people with disabilities, including conversations and common courtesies.

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/general/disability-awareness.html>

Family Village: Disability Awareness

This page lists links to resources on disability awareness.

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/topic/disability-disclosure>

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability

This page has a number of documents intended to help young people, families, and youth service professionals in deciding if, when and how to disclose disabilities.

<http://nichcy.org/wp-content/uploads/docs/bib13.pdf>

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities: Resources You Can Use – Disability Awareness

This resource list describes curriculum materials, books (including children’s books), videos, posters and other merchandise that people can use to increase awareness of disabilities.

<http://www.disabilitytraining.com/search-results.php?timestamp=1273688200>

Program Development Associates (PDA)

PDA sells videos on disability awareness. Put “disability awareness” in the search box.

<http://www.raggededgemagazine.com/mediacircus/styleguide.htm>

Ragged Edge Online: Beyond the AP Stylebook – Language and Usage Guide for Reporters and Editors. Advocado Press, 1992.

Guidelines to use to avoid demeaning and sensationalized words and phrases when writing about people with disabilities.

<http://www.rtcil.org/products/RTCIL%20publications/Media/Guidelines%20for%20Reporting%20and%20Writing%20about%20People%20with%20Disabilities.pdf>

Research and Training Center on Independent Living (RTC/IL): Guidelines for Reporting and Writing about People with Disabilities. 2001. Sixth Edition.

These guidelines for preferred terminology and ways of describing people with disabilities reflect current consensus among disability organizations.

<http://www.unitedspinal.org/pdf/DisabilityEtiquette.pdf>

United Spinal Organization: Disability Etiquette – Tips on Interacting With People with Disabilities

This booklet can be viewed or downloaded as a PDF file or you can order the print edition for free <https://www.unitedspinalstore.org/>.

The following books and videos are available for free loan from the PRC library. For more information, please see www.paralysis.org and click *Borrow from Our Lending Library* under PRC Quick Links.

Books

- Getskow, Veronica and Dee Konczal. **Kids with Special Needs: Information and Activities to Promote Awareness and Understanding.** Huntington Beach, CA: Learning Works, 1996.
- Johnson, Mary. **Disability Awareness—Do It Right!: Your All-in-One How-To Guide Tips, Techniques & Handouts for a Successful Awareness Day.** Louisville, KY: Advocado Press, 2006.
- Leicester, Mal. **Special Stories for Disability Awareness: Stories and Activities for Teachers, Parents and Professionals.** London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2007.
- Powell, Jillian. **Talking About Disability.** Austin, TX: Raintree Steck-Vaughn Publishers, 1999.
Children's book.
- Sanders, Pete and Steve Meyers. **What Do You Know About People With Disabilities.** Brookfield, CT: Copper Beech Books, 1998.
Children's book.
- Senelick, Richard C. MD and Karla Dougherty. **Beyond Please and Thank You: The Disability Awareness Handbook for Families, Co-workers, and Friends.** Birmingham, AL: HealthSouth Press, 2001.

Videos

- **Changing Attitudes.** St. Paul, MN: Advocating Change Together, 2000. DVD.
- **Invisible Voices: What do you think of when you hear the word disability?** Meeting the Challenge, 2010. DVD. (93 minutes) www.invisiblevoices.org
This DVD captures a stage show of 6 individuals with disabilities sharing their experiences.
- **Responding to the Handicapped. (The Doctor Is In series)** Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2004. DVD. (26 minutes)
- **The Ten Commandments of Communicating With People With Disabilities.** Cicero, NY: Program Development Associates.1994. (26 minutes).
- **Understanding the Disabled: Dances with the Minotaur.** Cambridge Educational, 2003. DVD. (44 minutes)
- **A VideoGuide to (Dis)Ability Awareness.** The Idea Bank, 1993. VHS and DVD .(25 minutes). Available from Program Development Associates.

- Diversity Shop video on **Disability Etiquette** produced by the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions. Available in English or Spanish. www.diversityworld.com

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