



**DISABILITY
AWARENESS DAY
AGENDA**

February 27, 2019



7:45 to 9:30 Grab a cup of coffee and a pastry in Room 10. Plan for an exciting day of advocacy and fun!

8:00 to 9:00 **Register** outside of Room 10.

9:00 to 9:45 Room 11: Gather for opening remarks by Governor Phil Scott, Senator Tim Ashe, House Speaker Mitzi Johnson and staff members of Vermont's congressional delegation.

10:00 to 10:30 Room 11: Workshop, "Bringing Down the House and the Senate, Too: How to Talk to Your Legislator." Join Green Mountain Self-Advocates and practice how to pivot and get your message across when advocating with legislators.




10:30 to 11:00 Room 10: Workshop. Join Action Circles to learn about Vermont's budget process and how to participate.

11:00 to 11:30 Room 11: Workshop, "Sports Are for Every Body." Join Nate Besio of the Northeast Disabled Athletic Association and learn about the emotional and physical benefits of adaptive sports for people with disabilities.



11:30 to 12:00 Room 11: Workshop, "Deaf Culture and Communication." Join Keri Darling of Deaf Vermonters Advocacy Services and learn about communication methods, different kinds of hearing loss and what it's like to have hearing loss.



- 12:00 to 1:00 **Lunch.** Complimentary pizza (regular and gluten free) will be served in Room 10! 
- 1:00 Disability Awareness Day will be announced on the House floor. Advocates can take a bow!
- 1:30  **Press conference in Room 11.**
- 2 to 2:30 Room 10: Workshop, “The Quest for Cognitive Liberty.” Join Calvin Moen of Vermont Psychiatric Survivors to learn about the right to mental self-determination, the right to use or reject drugs and other therapeutic services and what supports psychiatric survivors are calling for in order to lead free and fulfilling lives.
- 2:30 to 3:15 Go on a tour of the State House! Space is limited. **YOU MUST SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME.**
- 3:00 to 4:00 Room 11: Come cheer on graduates of the 2019 Leadership Series! 
- 4:00 to 4:30 Cafeteria: **Evening program.** Enjoy appetizers and mingle. Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman will stop by to address the group at 4:30.
- 4:30 to 6:00 **Keynote by Patrick Standen** and a panel featuring moderator Deborah Lisi-Baker and graduates of the Vermont Leadership Series (Anastasia Douglas, Erika Smith, Candice Price and Kyle Riopel).

Throughout the day, DAD attendees will be testifying on a number of important issues before various House and Senate committees.

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