Workshop #4: Community Voices: Partnering for Accessibility and Inclusion in Library Planning



Handout #3

Disability Organizations You Can Partner With

National Disability Organizations:

- 1. <u>ADA National Network</u> Provides guidance and training on how to implement ADA requirements.
- 2. <u>American Association of People with Disabilities</u> Largest national non-profit cross-disability organization. Works to ensure economic and political self-advocacy for people with disabilities.
- 3. <u>National Organization on Disability</u> Raises disability awareness through providing information.
- 4. <u>Different & Able</u> Supports people with disabilities and their families.
- 5. <u>National Center for Learning Disabilities</u> Provides information to parents and professionals and conducts research and programs.
- 6. <u>Alzheimer's Association</u> Raising awareness on Alzheimer's and promoting research.
- 7. <u>Cerebral Palsy Group</u> Provides online resources for families and those with Cerebral Palsy.
- 8. <u>Epilepsy Foundation</u> Provides training and support for families and people living with Epilepsy.
- 9. <u>Tourette Association of America</u> Non-profit organization and provides support for those living with Tourettes.
- 10. <u>Targeting Autism</u> Provides information and awareness for families and those with autism.

Local Community Disability Organizations:

- 1. Disability education teachers.
- 2. School for people with disabilities.
- 3. Mental health centers.
- 4. Homeless Shelters.
- 5. Veterans Program.
- 6. Disability Services.
- 7. Social Services.

Online and In-person Library Training Organizations on Disability Awareness:

1. Project ENABLE

- 2. Libraries and Autism: We're Connected
- 3. Project PALS (Panhandle Autism Library Service)
- 4. SNAILS (Special Needs and Inclusive Library Services)

Questions to Ask Yourself:

- 1. What are the disability organizations in your community?
- 2. Who are the individuals with disabilities in your community that you can partner with?
- 3. Who are the organization/individual and their goals/mission/vision?
- 4. What objective/goal your library wants out of the partnership (outcomes)?
- 5. Describe potential barriers to creating a partnership?
- 6. What financial resources (if any) can you allocate to this?
- 7. Who on your library staff will be working on this outreach program