

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH OUR MEMBERSHIP, EDUCATION & ADVOCACY.



Self-advocates are key.

At AADMD, we depend on self-advocates, like Amanda Harrinauth, to give us insight into her unique health challenges.

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The American Academy of Developmental Medicine & Dentistry (AADMD) is a non-profit, membership organization of interdisciplinary health professionals — including primary physicians, medical specialists, dentists, optometrists, nurses and other clinicians — committed to improving the quality of healthcare for people with intellectual & developmental disabilities (IDD).



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THE AADMD

According to the US General Accountability Office, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) continue to experience unnecessary deaths due to poor healthcare.

AADMD wants to change this.

Since 2002, the AADMD has led the effort to improve the quality of healthcare for people with IDD. Our organization has been at the forefront of nearly every policy change affecting people with IDD to better the current system of healthcare in the US.

The AADMD connects clinicians across the world and prepares them to face the unique challenges in caring for people with IDD. The AADMD has

produced IDD-centric medical school curriculum adopted by top universities - including Harvard and Stanford - as well as IDD training for clinicians and specialized information

for families and caretakers in language that is easy to understand.

Above all, **AADMD aims to make sure that no person with IDD is left without access to quality health services.**

Our members are difference makers for people with IDD.



Education



One Voice for Inclusive Health is AADMD's annual **educational conference**, held every year since 2002. We believe it takes one voice to make a difference and one voice – the voice of a person with IDD – should be heard when it comes to their healthcare. In addition to this robust educational forum, AADMD hosts **webinars**, develops **curriculum**, crafts topical **guidelines**, issues **white papers** and **trains clinicians to offer the highest quality of care to people with IDD.**



Advocacy



People with IDD are treated poorly in the US healthcare system and experience unnecessary deaths as a result of poor healthcare. In 2002, these healthcare challenges were outlined in the Surgeon General's report "Closing the Gap¹." So why does the disparity for people with IDD still exist? **This is why we advocate. In order to change policy and systems of care, it takes persistence, passion – and it takes time.**



Membership



AADMD's members are **the nation's leading clinicians in IDD healthcare.** Patients with IDD need a medical team that works together. That's why we promote an interdisciplinary approach to care - and membership. Join AADMD's Membership App: network.aadmd.org. Powered by Mighty Networks.



Access to Care



People with IDD should have access to quality healthcare - which includes being able to find care easily, get their health needs met wholly and get services covered without the hindrance. AADMD works to make this vision a reality.