



AADMD

This is who we are...

Mission Statement

The American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry (AADMD) was organized in 2002 to provide a forum for healthcare professionals who provide clinical care to people with neurodevelopmental disorders and intellectual disabilities (ND/ID). Our mission is to improve the quality of healthcare for individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders and intellectual disabilities.

Scope of the Academy

In communities and states across the country, Americans with ND/ID are experiencing significant difficulty in gaining access to quality healthcare. As an organization whose purpose is to improve quality of care for all Americans with ND/ID, the most valuable contribution we can make is to contribute our expertise where it will have the most significant impact - the universities and healthcare centers where healthcare professionals are trained. Furthermore, we can enhance our contribution by working collaboratively with advocacy organizations and associations that serve our patients.

Student/Resident Committee

The National AADMD Student/Resident Committee is composed of individual local chapters who serve as advocates for people with ND/ID. Individual chapters are composed of health professional students and faculty advisors located at various universities & colleges around the world.

Goals of the Student Committee:

- Create community of students/residents interested in serving adults with ID/DD
- Provide opportunities for education, leadership, and growth within the field
- Match up members with AADMD physicians/dentists for guidance
- Create community projects and advocate for individuals with ID/DD
- Continue the involvement of health minded student leaders:
 - Project Unify (elementary)
 - SO College (undergraduate)
 - AADMD (professional)
- Assist schools in creating their local AADMD chapter

80% of physicians graduating from medical school have never treated an individual with ND/ID

50% of dentists have never treated an individual with ND/ID

Yet – when surveyed, 75 – 80% of graduating physicians and dentists want to treat patients with ND/ID

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How can a local AADMD Student Chapter benefit my state?



Concern #1: Lack of educated and willing volunteers for Healthy Athletes and Healthy Smiles Clinics.

A local AADMD Student/Resident Committee will include previous student leaders from SO College who are in health professional schools. These individuals will be educated, motivated, and able to coordinate these clinics and provide meaningful and valuable insight for the athletes.

Concern #2: Lack of knowledgeable medical and dental professionals to act as resources for the Healthy Athletes and Healthy Smiles Clinics.

A local AADMD Student/Resident Committee will have the benefit of working with one or more faculty advisors who can provide added resources and seek out colleague for support during Special Olympic Clinics. These trained healthcare professionals will inspire students to be lifelong learners who understand the needs of people with ND/ID.

