



## What is AADMD?

American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry

- Only professional organization specifically composed of physicians and dentists
- Focuses on health of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

## Shared Purpose

The AADMD is resolved:

- To assist in reforming the current system of healthcare so that no person with a neurodevelopmental disorder is left without access to quality health services.
- To prepare clinicians to face the unique challenges in caring for people with ND/ID.
- To provide curriculum to newly established ND/ID training programs in professional schools across the nation.
- To increase the body and quality of patient-centered research regarding those with ND/ID and to involve parents and caregivers in this process.
- To create a forum in which healthcare professionals, families and caregivers may exchange experiences and ideas with regard to caring for patients with ND/ID.
- To disseminate specialized information to families in language that is easy to understand.
- To establish alliances between visionary advocacy and healthcare organizations for the primary purpose of achieving better healthcare.



## A Partner in Training

- Student Chapters
- National Curriculum Initiative in Developmental Medicine
- Family Medicine Residency Inclusion and Engagement of People with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (FRIEND) Project
  - 12-hour webinar series
  - Patients with Disabilities as Teachers
  - Home visits

## A Partner in Community Education

- Webinars
  - Emergency Care Webinar Series—CME
  - Physician Education in Developmental Disabilities (PEDD)—CME
- Annual Meeting

## A Partner in Research

- National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices



## A Partner in Dissemination

### Recent Infoblcasts

- [Doctors in residency fail tests of common courtesy](#)
- [Update on Cerebral Palsy research](#)
- [Cerebral Palsy Research News](#)
- [For AADMD members interested in current dementia research](#)
- [Dental Genetics linked to lower risk of head and neck cancer](#)
- [The Affordable Care Act and the IDD Community: An Overview of the Law and Advocacy Frontiers Going Forward](#)
- Continuum of Care Video Series

## AADMD and Your Center

- Encourage your health faculty and trainees to join
- Create a student chapter
- Connect providers in your community or state to participate
- Participate in Special Olympics Healthy Athletes
- Contact AADMD to be an advocacy partner

## A Partner in Service

- Specific emphasis on eliminating health disparities for people with IDD
- Efforts to improve clinical care for IDD population
  - Communication tools
  - Training for Direct Service and Support staff
- Special Olympics Healthy Athletes relationship

## A Partner in Advocacy

- Medically Underserved Population effort
  - Seeking HRSA designation for people with IDD
  - Encourages young professionals to enter field
- "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaigns ([www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org))
- Specific advocacy

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