



## About APHA

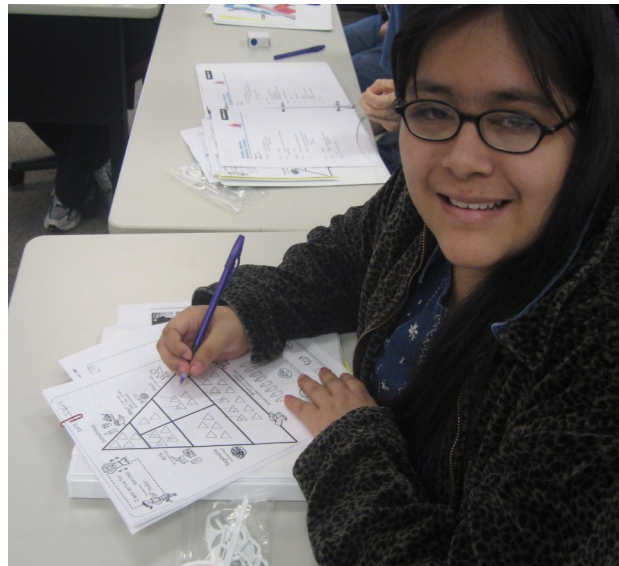
The American Public Health Association (APHA) is the oldest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world and has been working to improve public health since 1872.

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## Membership

If you are not a primary member of the APHA Disability Section, become one! Student membership in APHA is only \$60. If you are already a member, recruit your colleagues for membership! You may select the Disability Section as your Primary group when you apply for or renew your American Public Health Association Membership. You may also join the Disability Section by requesting a change or adding Disability as an additional membership unit for only \$30. To learn more about the Disability Section, please visit [www.apha.org/membership/groups/primary/aphaspigwebsites/disability/](http://www.apha.org/membership/groups/primary/aphaspigwebsites/disability/)

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Disability Section materials are available in alternate formats upon request.



# Disability Section

of the American Public Health Association



Focusing on issues of disability and public health since 1988

As a member of the APHA Disability Section, you have a unique opportunity to be part of the exciting emerging field of Disability and Public Health.

**Become a Disability Section Student member today!**

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## Who we are

Members of the APHA Disability Section are involved with policies and actions focusing on public health issues involving people with disabilities. These include the promotion of equity in health promotion, health care and health outcomes, and the elimination of disability-related health disparities. Members come from a variety of backgrounds, including public health, social sciences, and social and rehabilitative services.

## What we stand for

APHA Disability Section focuses on public health issues related to:

- Policy • Advocacy • Education •
- Training • Accessibility •

## Core values

The section addresses disability-related issues within public health, and promotes health for those living with disabilities. It views disability as the result of interaction between the person and the environment.

## What we do

- Share information to build a multidisciplinary knowledge base regarding disability;
- Present scientific sessions on disability and health at annual APHA meeting;
- Promote accessible APHA materials and meetings;
- Produce newsletters to keep members well-informed;
- Collaborate with other organizations working in research, practice and education relevant to disability issues;
- Recognize achievements important and relevant to our goals through annual Disability Section awards;
- Support disability and public health initiatives through advocacy and training;
- Network with professionals working on public health and disability issues;
- Provide opportunities for educational and professional development in public health and disability for students, professionals and researchers.



## Our Goals

- To increase awareness and knowledge of disability issues among all public health professions and the general public;
- To advise APHA on policy development relevant to the prevention of disability, the provision of services to people with disabilities, and the enhancement of their quality of life; and
- To secure well grounded interest in addressing the needs of the disability community in all public health related matters.

## Our History

### Disability Forum becomes a Section in the American Public Health Association

Started in 1988 as the Caucus on Disablement, the Disability Forum has evolved and grown in strength over the years. In 2007, we achieved an important milestone by becoming an APHA section. This is an important victory for disability within public health. It provides the Section with greater visibility and credibility within APHA and ensures that public health issues represent the disability community.

## Students!

We are actively recruiting students from all public health and disability and health fields as members. We believe that students are the future of our organization, want to provide opportunities for meaningful involvement.

For more information about membership:

- Disability Section: [www.apha.org/membergroups/primary/aphaspigwebsites/disability/](http://www.apha.org/membergroups/primary/aphaspigwebsites/disability/)
- Student Assembly: [www.apha.org/membergroups/students/](http://www.apha.org/membergroups/students/)