



Treatment and Research Institute for Autism Spectrum Disorders (TRIAD)

Community Engagement Initiative

What does TRIAD do?

TRIAD’s work across home, community, clinic, and school settings positively impacts individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and those they love, live, work, and learn with. TRIAD has helped thousands of educators and families throughout the region with diagnostic, behavioral, and educational assessment, intervention strategies, and direct behavior analytic therapy. While TRIAD’s education-focused professional development efforts are largely supported by the Tennessee Department of Education, our community engagement initiatives are currently minimally funded.



How does TRIAD support local communities?

The core of our **Community Engagement Initiative** is the **Families First Program**, where we directly teach practical tools to parents of children newly diagnosed with ASD. As an extension to Families First, we began an **Organizational Engagement Program**. It focuses on supporting organizations in building capacity for including individuals with ASD and related disorders. We identified organizations with existing cultural and educational programs – FRIST Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville Children’s Theatre, Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Nashville Zoo at Grassmere, Nashville

Opera, Nashville Public Libraries YMCA, Nashville Predators, TPAC, and Vanderbilt University Athletics and have collaborated to provide staff training, modify performances and programs, and develop evidence-based supports and resources to open new learning opportunities and experiences for families with ASD. By supporting families of children with ASD through direct teaching and practice, and by providing ongoing support to local organizations, TRIAD is developing a dynamic network to help families feel welcome and comfortable in their community.



We invite your congregation to...

Make a huge difference in the lives of people with disabilities and communities by helping them find a job.

Did you know that one in every three families has a member or relative with a disability? Did you know the unemployment rate for people with disabilities is more than double that of people without disabilities?

Four Universities in TN, TX, MN, and KY will partner with faith communities and offer free training and ongoing support to build the capacity of the congregation to secure and support employment for members with disabilities. We are looking for 10 congregations in each state.

Faith communities excel at addressing the gifts and needs of their members, maintaining strong connections to local communities, and addressing community social issues. This is a natural partnership.

Based on what we learn from the partnerships, we will create a practical guide for families, faith communities, disability organizations, and service providers across the country.

To learn more about **Putting Faith To Work**, contact:

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Putting Faith To Work:

Tapping the Power of Congregations as Pathways to Employment for People with Disabilities

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www.iddtoolkit.org

The IDD Toolkit is a website that provides information for the primary care of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Toolkit offers health care providers best-practice tools and information regarding specific medical and mental and behavioral health concerns of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including resources for patients and families. The Toolkit is also accessible on smartphones and tablets.

Toolkit Contents

- GENERAL ISSUES
 - Communicating Effectively
 - Informed Consent
 - Informed Consent Checklist
 - Office Organizational Tips
 - Today's Visit Form
- PHYSICAL HEALTH ISSUES
 - Cumulative Patient Profile
 - Female Preventive Care Checklist
 - Male Preventive Care Checklist
- CHECKLISTS—Disability Specific
- BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
- RESOURCES

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Health Care for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Toolkit for Primary Care Providers