

Our Mission

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) is a national nonprofit serving people from all disability communities. We aim to advance health equity for people with disabilities by supporting full community inclusion and accessibility. AAHD is dedicated to sharing knowledge and resources that support better health and wellness for children and adults from the local to the national level.

Our Approach

People with disabilities live across boundaries of race, culture, place, gender, and generation. We excel in promoting health equity for all people with disabilities. Our team has both professional and lived experience with disabilities.

Our Strategic Focus Areas



Lead In Disability Research and Health Policy

- Lead research to improve health justice
- Collaborate with others to advance disability research
- Continue to make sure public policy protects the human rights of the disability community



Educate, Engage, and Activate our Networks

- Work with other groups to teach each other about disability and advocacy
- Come together to take action to change policies that impact people with disabilities
- Improve disability in public health through partnerships with others
- Work with the Disability and Health Journal to share more research information about disability
- Develop and engage AAHD's network of members



Disseminate Disability Health Information

- Educate people on current events affecting health for the disability community
- Help others understand how the social drivers of health affect us
- Provide culturally relevant information to different groups, sharing information in sign language and Spanish.
- Make sure AAHD continues to lead with relevant and accessible communications
- Make sure that we share accessible and accurate information to the disability community

