To increase knowledge, understanding and awareness of individuals with disabilities and disability rights history.

The first two weeks of October!

Resources available from FDLRS:
Disability Awareness books, videos, DVDs, Lesson Plans and Activities to promote understanding and inclusion of individuals with disabilities.

Ideas to promote Disability Awareness at your school:

- Share books with students and faculty featuring characters with disabilities. Contact FDLRS for available titles, lesson plans, and activities.
- Hang banners, use school marquee, and/or use school website or social media to recognize Disability History and Awareness Weeks.
- Enhance your students’ self-advocacy skills. Have them talk about what it is like to have a disability or special gift, and how special education benefits them.
- Celebrate teachers and administrators of students with disabilities by presenting certificates or buttons. Contact FDLRS for assistance.
- Author a column about Exceptional Education for your school newsletter, PTA newsletter or on social media.
- Allow students to design posters, flyers, and/or buttons related to Disability History and Awareness.
- Encourage students to design disability history timelines. Contact FDLRS for timeline ideas.
- Sponsor an ESE breakfast for the faculty and staff at your school.
- Schedule brown bag lunches to share strategies which you have found to be successful with students with disabilities.

Online Resources

- Guide: Disability History and Awareness
- Legislative History of Florida’s ESE Program
- Disability Etiquette
- Parents w Disabilities & Their Children: Promoting Inclusion & Awareness
- Disability Awareness Through Language & Literacy – Resources for PreK & Elementary
- Disability Awareness Through English & LA – Resources for Middle & High School
- Learning Disabilities and ADHD
- OCALI Autism Internet Modules
- Universal Design for Learning
- Special Olympics Florida
- Speech, Language, & Hearing
- Dyslexia & Language Based Disabilities

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