

Disability Pride For Employment And Universal Access

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As we reflect on the importance of National Disability Employment Awareness this month, those of us in the field often assume that everyone has direct experience with someone who has a severe disability.

However, this is not true for everyone in our community. October provides an opportunity to reach out to others to engage them in advocacy for families, friends and others who have disabilities in our neighborhoods across New York City and the nation.

We know that employment is something that bridges all people as we strive to make money to support our daily needs and our spectacular diversity of vocational pursuits and accomplishments.

Yes, we have made significant progress in our country in changing the mores and removing the stigma that disability placed on people living in our society. Amazing examples from Pres.

Franklin Roosevelt to astrophysicist Steven Hawkins and so many others have paved the way for changes in legislation and attitudes.

Children born today enter a nation filled with promise – improved healthcare, education, and the opportunity to pursue and attain goals that offer important contributions to a better life for us all.

I encourage your support for universal access to infrastructure as we begin to renew our subways, commuter rail and highway systems. Additionally, communication is central to our current progress and future.

Please play a part in supporting improvement for universal access to internet, cable and other electronic media that are key to success for education, employment and even finding a safe place to live.

If you need help with any disability-related topic, please connect with CIDNY and we will be happy to assist you.