



DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY AGENDA

March 12, 2020



7:45 to 9:30 Grab a cup of coffee and a pastry in or near Room 10. Plan for an exciting day of advocacy and fun!

8:00 to 9:00 **Register** outside of Room 10.

9:00 to 9:45 Room 11: Gather for opening remarks by Lt. Gov. David Zuckerman, Senator Tim Ashe and staff members of Vermont's congressional delegation.

10:00 to 10:30 Room 11: Workshop, "Bringing Down the House and the Senate, Too: How to Talk to Your Legislator." Join Green Mountain Self-Advocates and practice how to pivot and get your message across when advocating with legislators.



10:30 to 11:00 Room 10: Workshop, "Disabilities Reframed." Join Emily Asenath-Smith of the Vermont Autism Task Force and learn about expanding people's perceptions of disability and inclusion.

11:00 to 11:30 **Press conference in Room 11.**



11:30 to 12 Room 11: Workshop, "Racial Equity and Justice for All." Join Xusana Davis, Vermont's executive director of racial equity, and Bor Yang, executive director of the Vermont Human Rights Commission, to learn about the intersectionality between the disability rights movement and racial equity.

12:00 to 1:00 **Lunch.** Complimentary pizza (regular and gluten free) will be served in Room 10!



1:00

Disability Awareness Day will be announced on the House floor. Advocates can take a bow!

2 to 2:30



Room 10: Workshop, “Medicaid and Health Care Reform: Is it Making Things Better?” Join Susan Aranoff of the Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council. Medicaid funds are being used to support OneCare Vermont. What else could Medicaid funds support?

2:30 to 3

Room 10: Workshop, “Mental Health Legislative Update.” Join Jack McCullough of Vermont Legal Aid’s Mental Health Law Project to learn about the latest in mental health legislation.

2:30 to 3:15

Go on a tour of the State House! Space is limited. **YOU MUST SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME.** RSVP to Stefanie Monte.

3:00 to 4:00

Room 11: Come cheer on graduates of the 2020 Vermont Leadership Series!



4:00 to 4:30

Cafeteria: **Evening program.** Enjoy appetizers and mingle.

4:30 to 6:00



Keynote by Ed Paquin. “Is Vermont Heading in the Direction of True Access and Real Inclusion?” A panel of legislators ~ Sen. Anthony Pollina, Rep. John Killacky, Rep Kevin “Coach” Christie and Rep. Anne Donahue ~ will shed light on how their personal experience with disability informs their legislative work.

Be sure to visit the Card Room and learn about some of VCDR’s member organizations! Also, throughout the day, DAD attendees will be testifying on a number of important issues before various legislative committees.

Special thanks to the Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council, the Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council, the Center on Disability and Community Inclusion, UVM, and Vermont Care Partners