



March is developmental disabilities awareness month. This campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live.

In celebration of diversity in all areas of community life, NASDDDS is pleased to present the following schedule of **FREE educational opportunities** during the month of March. All sessions will be presented for the public on the NASDDDS Facebook page. Follow us [@NasdddsUs](https://www.facebook.com/NasdddsUs) and simply open the page at the dates and times listed to access Facebook LIVE! Please join us!

## March Schedule

The Future of I/DD Services: An Advocate Perspective	March 16 at 3:00-4:00 pm ET	<i>Listen to an advocate with lived experience and the Outreach Director at Green Mountain Self Advocates, Max Barrows, talk about the current state and future needs of I/DD supports in our country. Originally aired at the NASDDDS 2021 Annual Conference.</i>
Our COVID Story	March 21 at 3:00-5:00 pm ET	<i>Join us as we hear stories from advocates and state leaders about their experiences during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. A tale of partnership and resilience not to be missed. Originally aired at the NASDDDS 2020 Annual Conference.</i>
Mitigating Trauma	March 24 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00-3:30 pm ET	<i>As the world continues to grapple with the pandemic and worldwide events, hear from an expert on trauma and how to handle its effects on those supported and those who support I/DD services. Originally aired at the NASDDDS 2020 Mid Year Conference.</i>
NASDDDS Forging Ahead	March 28 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00-3:30 pm ET	<i>Join us to explore NASDDDS services and how the association promotes positive systems change and person-centered practices alongside state I/DD systems. Originally aired at the NASDDDS 2021 Annual Conference.</i>