Why the disability community matters

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A Sizable Minority

Percentage of Arizona Residents

- Hispanic or Latino: 30.5%
- People with Disabilities: 12.5%
- Some other race alone: 7%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native: 4.4%
- Black or African American: 4.3%

Source: American Community Survey, 2012-2016 5-year estimates
Most live at home.

Percentage of Adults w/I/DD by Residential Setting:

- Family Home: 88%
- Foster Care: 4%
- Group Homes: 8%

High School Drop Out Rates Remain High

Source: American Community Survey, 2012-2016 5-year estimates, Education Attainment, ages 25 and over
The Struggle for Equal Pay and Quality Jobs

For each dollar workers without disabilities make, workers with disabilities make only $0.67.

Source: American Community Survey, 2012-2016 5-year estimates, ages 18-64
Arizona’s Adults with Disabilities Aren’t Speaking Up

- I speak up for myself all of the time: 49.0%
- I don't know how to speak up for myself: 29.5%
- Others speak for me so I don't need to: 12.5%
- I am afraid to speak up for myself: 6.6%
- No one listens to me: 2.4%

We need to stay vigilant

Over 70% of people with disabilities report they had been victims of abuse.*

Types of abuse reported:
- Verbal-emotional: 87.2%
- Physical: 50.6%
- Sexual: 41.6%
- Neglect: 37.3%
- Financial: 31.5%

30% of trafficked girls included in a study in Florida were found to have cognitive disabilities or intellectual disabilities**

* Baladerian N., Coleman t. and Stream J. 2013, Spectrum, Institute Disability and Abuse Project
** Joan A. Reid & Martina Vandenberg. September 5, 2018. Human Trafficking & Individuals with Disabilities