WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH OUR MEMBERSHIP, EDUCATION & ADVOCACY.

The AADMD (American Academy of Developmental Medicine & Dentistry) is a non-profit organization of interdisciplinary medical professionals — including physicians, dentists, optometrists, neurologists, nurses and other clinicians — committed to improving the quality of healthcare for people with intellectual & developmental disabilities (IDD).
According to the US General Accountability Office, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) continue to experience unnecessary deaths due to poor healthcare.

AADMD wants to change this.

Since 2002, the AADMD has led the effort to improve the quality of healthcare for people with IDD. Our organization has been at the forefront of nearly every policy change affecting people with IDD to better the current system of healthcare in the US.

The AADMD connects clinicians across the world and prepares them to face the unique challenges in caring for people with IDD. The AADMD has produced IDD-centric medical school curriculum adopted by top universities - including Harvard and Stanford - as well as IDD training for clinicians and specialized information for families and caretakers in language that is easy to understand. Above all, AADMD aims to make sure that no person with IDD is left without access to quality health services. They are difference makers for people with IDD.

Our members are training future health care leaders, structuring health care systems that more effectively respond to our patients’ needs, developing evidence-based health guidelines, and advocating for change at levels ranging from the local to the federal to the galactic.

— Steve Sulkes, MD, Immediate Past President of AADMD

The National Curriculum Initiative in Developmental Medicine (NCIDM) is a program founded by AADMD in 2009 to define and integrate the concepts of Developmental Medicine into the medical school curriculum of every medical school in the United States.

Student/Resident Program

Since students in any healthcare-related field receive little to no training for patients with IDD, the Student / Resident Program is a forum for professionals-in-training to access educational tools, develop meaningful mentorships and much more.

During the 2-day One Voice Virtual conference, attendees heard from top keynote speakers, participated in topical panel discussions and breakout sessions and networked with top medical professionals dedicated to inclusive health. View all sessions online in our video library for up to 1 year, with CE available.