

National Disability Mentoring Coalition

Inclusive Mentoring that Empowers All

The <u>National Disability Mentoring Coalition</u> (NDMC) aims to raise awareness about the importance and impact of mentoring in the lives of people with disabilities and to increase the number and quality of disability mentoring programs around the country. Established in December 2014, NDMC transitioned in March 2018 to <u>Partners for Youth with Disabilities</u> (PYD) as a National Inclusion Center initiative. NDMC's core activities focus on:

- Awareness Spotlighting the critical role of mentoring as a disability inclusion strategy that
 promotes successful academic, employment and independent living outcomes;
- Connections Facilitating communication among stakeholders and sharing information about "what works" in disability mentoring;
- Resources Providing training, technical assistance, and a referral network to grow the number of mentors and strengthen the impact of mentoring experiences;
- Inclusion Facilitating mentoring opportunities for people of diverse backgrounds and abilities in all settings; and
- Recognition Honoring excellence in mentoring through the Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame.

Membership Benefits

As a membership organization, NDMC provides organizations and individuals access to:

- A national network of disability mentoring professionals and stakeholders;
- Monthly networking calls and newsletters;
- Pathways to Inclusion, a disability inclusion eLearning community;
- A versatile and multi-level eMentoring Platform;
- Participation in the dialogue on the national disability mentoring policy agenda; and
- All NDMC activities, including the annual strategy session, recognition events, and stakeholder convenings.

Mentoring as a Disability Inclusion Strategy

You can support NDMC to advance disability mentoring as an inclusion strategy by:

- Joining the NDMC at <u>www.disabilitymentors.org</u>;
- Following NDMC on social media @DisMentors, LinkedIn Group, Medium;
- Nominating a mentor or mentoring program for the <u>Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring</u>
 <u>Hall of Fame</u>; and,
- Connecting with one or more of <u>NDMC's member organizations</u>.

To learn more about NDMC and join the Coalition, please visit the NDMC website at www.disabilitymentors.org or email NDMC@pyd.org