



Programs and Services of the Institute on Disabilities



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The Institute on Disabilities at Temple University is one of the 67 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service funded by the Administration on Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The Institute is home to TechOWL, Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Act program. TechOWL helps people with disabilities explore, find, and get the tools and technology they need to lead a productive life in the home, community and at work

Activities include:

- Borrowing devices from the Lending Library
- Providing devices demonstration
- Receive a free special phone
- Find a used device at low cost or free
- Receive equipment for people who are deaf and blind
- Schedule a training or presentation
- Get a custom-made device

techOWLpa.org

ADVOCACY

- Inclusive Health Equity
 - Covid-19 Health Disparities
 - Healthy Sexuality

Funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), programs striving to ensure health equity for Pennsylvanians with disabilities, who are aging, and those with mental health issues

disabilities.temple.edu/programs-services/health-equity

- Leadership Development
 - Competence and Confidence Partners in Policymaking (C2P2)
 - Families First

Leadership training for adults and parents of children with intellectual disabilities, providing up-to-date information and skill building about leadership, self-determination and early intervention

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- Deconstructing Racism and Ableism in the School-to-Prison Pipeline
 - Intervention and community training addressing race and disability as important factors in the continuation of the school-to-prison pipeline

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- Emergency Preparedness
 - Helping Pennsylvanians with disabilities, families and support personnel think about and prepare for emergencies

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- Families Reimagining Inclusive Lives (FRIL)
 - Encouraging families to understand benefits of selecting inclusive (not segregated) options for their young children with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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EDUCATION

- **Leadership & Career Studies**
A four-year certificate program providing young adults with intellectual disabilities an authentic college experience at Temple while developing academic abilities, career aspirations, work skills and independence disabilities.temple.edu/lcs
- **The Mini Course Lecture Series on Disabilities**
Hosts guest speakers—experts in Disability Studies, Assistive Technology, Leadership Development, Social Policy and more disabilities.temple.edu/miniseries
- **College of Direct Support**
Online curriculum designed for Direct Support professionals who support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities disabilities.temple.edu/cds
- **Disability Studies at Temple University**
Interdisciplinary collaboration offering lectures, performances, symposia and more. disabilities.temple.edu/ds

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND SUPPORTS

- **Home and Community Based Services Final Rule (HCBS)**
Information and resources (in PA and nationally) about the HCBS Final Settings Rule—a policy change that helps people with disabilities have services they want disabilities.temple.edu/hcbs
- **Participant-Directed Services (PDS)**
Information about PDS, which provides a model whereby people with disabilities have more control over where, when, how, and who provides their supports disabilities.temple.edu/pds
- **Resources for Supports Brokers**
Best practices in supporting people to lead their own services and supports in PA disabilities.temple.edu/programs-services/community-integration-and-supports/supports-brokering

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

- **Conducting Participatory Action Research**
designed to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, speech, language and communication disorders, and other disabilities that result in access and functional needs disabilities.temple.edu/research
- **IM4Q: Independent Monitoring for Quality**
Collecting and disseminating information that might help improve the quality of life of people with disabilities in Pennsylvania disabilities.temple.edu/im4q

EMPLOYMENT

- **Programs working with people with disabilities to help achieve equal employment opportunities**
- **College of Employment Services**
Online curriculum designed for the professionals who guide people with disabilities toward fulfilling jobs disabilities.temple.edu/ces

MEDIA ARTS AND CULTURE

Arts initiatives, and working collaboratively with university and community-based arts organizations and practitioners, to create innovative, fully accessible cultural programming, including oral history, archival preservation, documentary, exhibition and public performance disabilities.temple.edu/advocacy/media-arts-culture

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