

# JULY NEWSLETTER

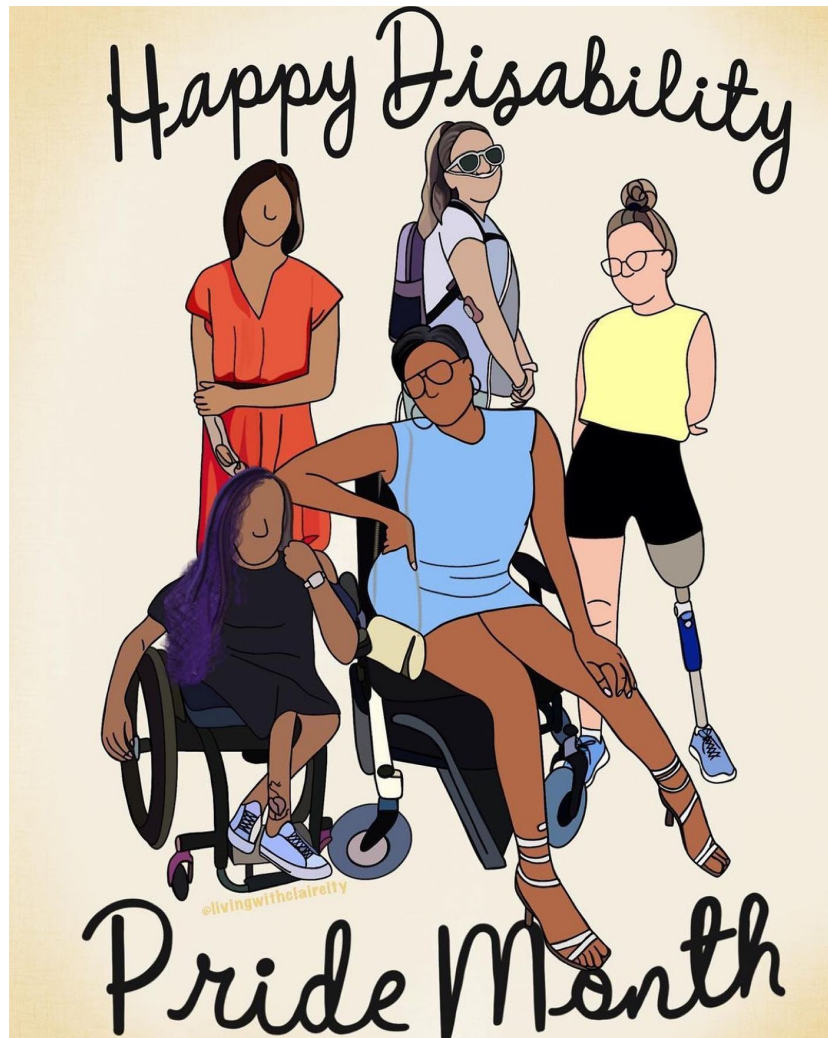


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## DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

*July is Disability Pride Month*

Disability Pride Month is about celebrating all the many ways that disability is an integral part of humans with disabilities. They can impact multiple and even every aspect of life. Differences are valuable and worth celebrating and do not make someone less than abled. It is also about advocacy and advancement.

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

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## LEARN THE LANGUAGE

### *Respect Community Preferences*

Many communities within disability circles prefer identity first terms such as disabled, autistic and Deaf over terms such as differently -abled, "with" and special needs. Always seek out the particular communities preferences by engaging with individuals with those actual disabilities or identities. By using the preferred language, disabilities and differences can be destigmatized and normalized.

## EDUCATE & ACTIVATE

### *Get Involved*

Seek out education from members of the disabilities community, choose organizations they recommend and/or operated by them and learn about the issues that impact disabled children, adults and families. Find out what those communities find helpful and harmful. When the opportunity to vote, petition or effect change arises, you will be prepared to act alongside those communities.

