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Bulletin One

**Topic: Disability History Month**

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October is Disability History Month. It is a time to teach the history of disabilities in the public educational system, kindergarten through grade twelve and at colleges and universities.

You will find under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), RCW 28A.230.158, information on Disability History Month - Activities.

In 2008 the legislature added the Disability History Month Act

- "to increase awareness and understanding of the contributions that people with disabilities in our state, nation, and the world have made to our society."
- "recognizing disability history will increase respect and prompt acceptance and inclusion of people with disabilities."
- "will inspire students with disabilities to feel a greater sense of pride, reduce harassment and bullying, and help keep students with disabilities in school."

During the month of October, each public school and public institutions of higher education are to, "conduct or promote educational activities that provide instruction, awareness, and understanding of disability history and people with disabilities"

### Do You Know?

- How are each of us involved in Disability History Month?
  - How are we providing?
    - Instruction
    - Awareness
    - Understanding
  - Have we asked our local public schools what plans they have for this year?
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