

# October is Delaware Disability History and Awareness Month

October is Delaware Disability History and Awareness Month (DHAM). You may access information on DHAM on the [GACEC website](#).

Individuals with disabilities have played a vital role in influencing our nation's history. It is essential that we develop a spirit of acceptance of all people, in our students, particularly our young children. Governor Markell signed House Bill 123 on August 17, 2011, designating October as Disability History and Awareness Month. That bill encourages school districts across Delaware to implement activities to observe Disability History and Awareness Month. House Concurrent Resolution 33, passed in 2013, proclaimed the month of October to be "Disability History and Awareness Month" in Delaware. The bill encouraged all Delaware childhood development centers and family-based pre-schools and childcare programs to provide instruction and events focusing on disability history, people with disabilities and the disability rights movement.

[The Resource Guide](#) outlines House Bill 123 Disability History and Awareness Month (DHAM). and was developed specifically for children.

On the GACEC website is a free downloadable version of the GACEC DEAP produced books, "[All My Different Friends at School](#)" and the "[There's Nothing to Fear](#)" coloring book. Daycare providers who call the GACEC will receive a softcover copy of "All My Different Friends at School" and the coloring book while supplies last.

If you have any questions on the information provided, please

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