Get to Know AHEAD!

# First step: Sign In

Many, many tabs and pages are only visible to members who are currently signed in—without signing in, you have no idea what you’re missing out on!

# Member Learning Opportunities

## Professional Development for all experience levels

* Newer Professionals:
  + AHEAD Start Academy—Each October, three days. This year: Oct 20-22
* Seasoned Professionals:
  + Master Classes—Each May
  + Leadership Webinar Series—Next one this fall
* Both:
  + Annual Summer Conference
  + Annual [Accessing Higher Ground Conference](https://www.ahead.org/events-programming/conferences/accessing-higher-ground)—Each November
  + Management Institutes—Each February
  + Spring Colloquium--Spring
  + Webinar Series—Year round
  + Coming soon: online asynchronous courses

## Catalog of Past Recorded Trainings

* Under the [“eLearning” tab](https://www.ahead.org/pathlink) (takes you to a separate website—use your AHEAD credentials to log in)

## [Knowledge and Practice Communities](https://www.ahead.org/about-ahead/about-overview/knowledge-and-practice-communities)

* Connect with AHEAD members who share your interests!
* Consult with peers who have similar issues.
* Participate in focused learning opportunities.
* Don’t see one that fits your interests? Create your own!

## AHEAD Communities

The wealth of AHEAD’s knowledge is in its members—[Communities](https://www.ahead.org/communities/allcommunities) are how you access that!

* Open Community tab at the top of the page.
* Join Communities that interest you.
* Set your preferences to receive messages in real-time or in a daily digest.
* Key place for networking and member-to-member assistance and referrals.

# Professional Practice Guidance

* [Program Standards](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/program-standards-ethics) - recently revised!
* [White papers](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/white-papers-guiding-documents) and other professional guidance documents
* [Find relevant legal and OCR cases](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/legal-database)
* [Journal for Postsecondary Education and Disability (JPED)](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/publications/jped)
* [Help With Your Office Assessment](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/assessment-resources-and-services)

# Resources for [Students and Families](https://www.ahead.org/membership/students-families)

* [National Center for College Students with Disabilities](https://www.nccsdonline.org/) (NCCSD)
* [Disability Rights, Education, and Activism (DREAM)](https://www.dreamcollegedisability.org/): Resources for Students
* [Campus Disability Resource searchable database](http://www.Cedardatabase.org) (CeDaR database)

# Advancing the Equity Agenda

## AHEAD’s Research Areas

* [Survey and Benchmark data](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/information-services-portal/benchmark-data)
* [Case Studies](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/information-services-portal/case-studies)—research and models to improve your work and advocate for better institutional support.

## AHEAD’s Public Policy Work

* [AHEAD public policy platform document](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/AHEAD/38b602f4-ec53-451c-9be0-5c0bf5d27c0a/UploadedImages/Documents/AHEAD_Policy_Platform.docx)

# Where you can [contribute to AHEAD’s work](https://www.ahead.org/membership/get-involved):

* **Presenting**:
  + [Webinars](mailto:profdev@ahead.org?subject=Potential%20webinar%20idea)
  + [Conference sessions](https://www.ahead.org/membership/get-involved/proposal-review-process)
  + [AHG conference sessions](https://accessinghigherground.org/)
* **Writing**:
  + [Hub articles](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/publications/hub)
  + [Research papers](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/publications/jped/jped-author-guidelines)
  + [Practice briefs](https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/information-services-portal/info-research/publishing-opportunities)
  + [White papers, etc.](mailto:profdev@ahead.org?subject=Potential%20writing%20idea%20for%20AHEAD)
* **Volunteering**:
  + [KPCs](https://www.ahead.org/about-ahead/about-overview/knowledge-and-practice-communities)
  + Conference proposal reviewers (watch AHEAD Community each winter for announcements)
  + Board offices:
    - [View the schedule and process for Board elections.](https://www.ahead.org/membership/bod-nomination-election-process)
    - [Vote in the annual Board election](https://www.ahead.org/membership/2021-bod-election).
  + Conference session moderators: indicate interest when you register for the conference
* [Bring us your ideas!](https://www.ahead.org/membership/get-involved)
  + [profdev@ahead.org](mailto:profdev@ahead.org)