

Wait, AHEAD offers THAT?? Maximizing Your AHEAD Membership

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**My school bought me this membership, but
what is it really good for...?**

A lot more than you may think!

AHEAD serves:

- Individuals
- Institutions
- Students/Families

Benefits for Individuals

This means they're investing in YOU!

Learning and Professional Development

Become a more knowledgeable professional!

- Conferences
- Webinars
- Podcast
- Publications
- Networking
- Other Cool Stuff

In-Person Events

For those lucky enough to still have a travel budget!

- Annual Conference: July
- Accessing Higher Ground (hybrid): November

Events that are maybe coming back someday?

- Management Institutes: Early Spring
- Master Classes: Late Spring

Virtual (Online) Events

For everyone who can be still long enough to watch!

- Ingenuity Forum: January-March
- Virtual Conference: August
- AHEAD Start: October
- AHEAD Academy: Fall and Spring semesters
- Accessing Higher Ground (hybrid): November
- **NEW!** Sharpening Your Leadership Edge: A two-part series coming this October-November; and March-April

Webinars! Webinars! Webinars!

- Fall Webinar Series
- Spring Webinar Series
- AHEAD Member Appreciation Week
- AHEAD Free-To-Members Webinars (Policy Updates, new AHEAD research/surveys, partner webinars, etc.)
- KPC-Sponsored Webinars
- Vendor-Sponsored Webinars

Recordings and Independent Learning

Learn at the time it suits YOU!

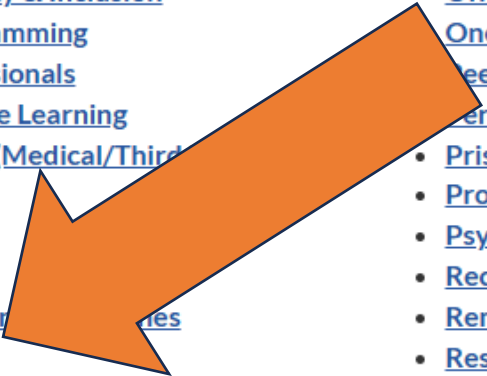
- Accessing Higher Ground presentation recordings
- **NEW!** One Step AHEAD: A set of recordings by topic at a discount!
- **NEW!** Full Speed AHEAD Podcast

AHEAD's Learning Library

HUNDREDS of past recordings and materials are available:

- All the webinars just mentioned
- Virtual Conference sessions
- Colloquiums
- White papers
- And More!

Topics

- [A.I.](#)
 - [Accommodation Decision Making](#)
 - [ADHD](#)
 - [ADA Coordinators](#)
 - [Alt-text](#)
 - [Animals \(Service/ESAs\)](#)
 - [Assessment](#)
 - [Assistive Technology](#)
 - [Athletes](#)
 - [Behavioral Intervention Teams](#)
 - [Blind/Low Vision](#)
 - [Burnout](#)
 - [Built Environment](#)
 - [Campus-wide Advocacy & Collaboration](#)
 - [Career Planning](#)
 - [Chronic Illness](#)
 - [Coaching](#)
 - [Communication Access](#)
 - [Complex Accommodations](#)
 - [Concussion](#)
 - [Correctional Education](#)
 - [Course Design](#)
 - [Data Collection/Analysis](#)
 - [Deaf/HH](#)
 - [DEI & Intersectionality](#)
 - [Dietary Accommodations](#)
 - [Digital Accessibility \(Title II\)](#)
 - [Disability Cultural Centers](#)
 - [Disability Identity & Inclusion](#)
 - [Disability Programming](#)
 - [Disabled Professionals](#)
 - [Distance/Remote Learning](#)
 - [Documentation \(Medical/Third Parties\)](#)
 - [Ethics](#)
 - [Events](#)
 - [Faculty Training](#)
 - [Flexible Attendance Policies](#)
 - [Free Webinars](#)
 - [Fundamental Alteration](#)
 - [Graduate Students](#)
 - [Grievance Procedures](#)
 - [Health Science/STEM](#)
 - [Housing](#)
 - [Intellectual Disability](#)
 - [LD/ADHD](#)
 - [Leadership](#)
 - [Leave of Absence](#)
 - [Legal](#)
 - [LGBTQA](#)
 - [Licensing Exams](#)
 - [Long COVID](#)
 - [Math Accommodations](#)
 - [Neurodivergence](#)
 - [New Professionals](#)
 - [Notetaking](#)
 - [Off-campus Accommodations](#)
 - [Office Management](#)
 - [One person offices](#)
 - [Peer Mentoring](#)
 - [Personal Care Attendants](#)
 - [Prison Education/Incarcerated Students](#)
 - [Procurement](#)
 - [Psychological Disabilities](#)
 - [Records Management](#)
 - [Remote Learning](#)
 - [Research](#)
 - [Small/One-person Offices](#)
 - [Social Justice](#)
 - [Sponsor Webinars](#)
 - [STEM](#)
 - [Student Employees](#)
 - [Student Interaction](#)
 - [Student Success](#)
 - [Study Abroad](#)
 - [Substance Use/Recovery](#)
 - [TBI/Concussion](#)
 - [Technical Standards](#)
 - [Temporary Accommodations](#)
 - [Testing Accommodations](#)
 - [Title IX](#)
 - [Transition to College](#)
 - [Universal Design](#)
 - [Veterans](#)
 - [Visual and Performing Arts](#)
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Publications

Read when you can!

- The Hub monthly newsletter
- Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability (JPED): Peer reviewed journal, indexed in ERIC
- Resource Papers/Guiding Documents/White Papers
- Program and Professional Standards and Ethics
- Professional Competencies
- Monographs
- Books

Networking

Cultivate peers to reach out to!

- Knowledge and Practice Communities
- AHEAD Member Communities
- AHEAD Affiliates
- Networking events at:
 - AHEAD Member Appreciation Week
 - AHEAD Annual Conference
 - AHEAD Virtual Conference

Other (Really) Cool Stuff

- Resources for New Professionals
- Guidance for Creating Accessible Presentations
- Slides and handouts from past annual Conferences, even if you didn't attend
- Searchable member directory
- Career Center (job board)

Benefits for Institutions

This means AHEAD also aids your OFFICE!

Data and Research

Did you know AHEAD has an entire arm devoted to research?

AHEAD creates:

- Benchmarking Data: how does your office compare to others?
 - Use this to make a case for more staff/funding/resources!
- Case Studies and Models on a huge number of topics
 - How are other schools making evidence-based change? Learn from them!
- Data Collection and Management
 - How can your office better collect and use its own data?
- And, of course, our peer-reviewed journal, JPED!
- AHEAD also creates and disseminates research surveys.

Office Assessment and Consulting

NEW! AHEAD by Design

Large or small external assistance, choose only what you need!

1. Mentorship & Professional Coaching
2. Retainer Consulting
3. External Consultation Services
4. Tiered / À La Carte Program Reviews
5. Post-Program Review Implementation Support
6. Internal Office Streamlining
7. Project-Based Consulting

Other Office Assessment Resources

Stakeholder and Self-Evaluation Tools

AHEAD creates and distributes online surveys to:

- Students with disabilities
- Faculty/instructional personnel
- Campus administrators
- Disability office

Then provides your office with a summative report and the raw data, all for just \$500! A steal!

Post a Job on AHEAD's Career Center

Reach AHEAD's 6500+ members by posting your institution's open positions on AHEAD's Career Center!

And find a job for yourself by searching the Career Center for yourself! (We won't tell your boss!)

Discounts!

And we'd be remiss not to mention the obvious:

AHEAD members get discounts on events, publications, and services.

Of course your office loves THAT!

Benefits for Students

This includes families!

Policy and Advocacy in DC

AHEAD works to improve laws on behalf of disabled students, by:

- Participating in court cases as a “friend of the court”
- Lobbying to update financial aid rules so that students with reduced course loads weren’t considered part-time students
- Lobbying to clarify the documentation standards through the RISE Act
- Contacting legislators
- And much more!

Associated Resources

- [Disability Rights, Education, Activism, & Mentoring \(DREAM\)](#)
- [National Center for College Students with Disabilities \(NCCSD\)](#)
- [Campus Disability Resource Database \(CEDAR database\)](#)

My office's budget is slim right now!

So what is free with my membership...?

- Most AHEAD publications and guiding documents
- AHEAD online Community (formerly called “listserv”)
- KPC participation (regular meetings, online Communities for each)
- AHEAD Free-to-Members Webinars
- KPC Webinars on specific topics
- AHEAD Learning Library: “Free Webinars”
- Full Speed AHEAD Podcast
- Resources from past annual Conferences
- AHEAD Member Appreciation Week
- Sponsored Webinars by vendors

Wanna Get Involved?

It helps your resume!

(Ranked from Super Easy to progressively more commitment)

- Participate in AHEAD surveys
- Engage in the AHEAD Listserv, KPCs, or your local affiliate
- Review conference presentation proposals
- Volunteer at the AHEAD Annual Conference or Virtual Conference
- Write a short article for the monthly Hub newsletter
- Submit a conference or webinar presentation proposal and present it
- Serve as a KPC Chair (or start a new KPC!)
- Serve on AHEAD Committees (ex. Research Review Committee)
- Run for the National or Affiliate AHEAD Board
- Write for JPED

What's Coming Up?

- **AHEAD Membership Appreciation Week:** June 8-12
- **ADA Coordinator KPC Webinar:** June 22
- **[AHEAD Annual Conference](#):** July 20-24
- **[AHEAD Virtual Conference](#):** August 4-6
- **Fall Webinar Series**
- **Proposals for Conference 2027:** September 15 to Oct 30
- **AHEAD Start for New and Newer Professionals:** October 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, & 22
- **Sharpening Your Leadership Edge:** 5 consecutive Fridays, beginning October 23

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