



Disability Awareness: Community Support

Est. Time: 4 Hours

Objective

To gain a better understanding of local community supports available for people with different disabilities.

Overview

Teachers better support students with disabilities and their families by providing information about the relevant products and services available in the surrounding community. This activity will help you to get started obtaining information about the different types of community support.

Activity

In groups of four or fewer:

1. Select a disability to compile information about and use the phone directory and Internet to find local agencies that are specifically geared to serve this type of disability.
2. Summarize the information you've obtained in the form of a handout. This should include the name of the provider agency, address, Web address, telephone number, target population, and a brief description of the provided supports.
3. To enhance this activity, interview someone who works at one of the listed agencies or someone who has the disability about which the information is being compiled.