

#TeachDisabilityHistory





Who Are We?

- The #TeachDisabilityHistory campaign is led by a group of young adults with disabilities working with Easterseals Massachusetts.
- Easterseals Massachusetts is a non-profit whose mission is to provide equal opportunities for people with disabilities to live, learn, work, and play.
- Easterseals youth programs also provides leadership groups, mentoring groups, accessible martial arts and more both in person & virtual.
- Follow our Facebook page or contact us to learn more
[Facebook.com/EastersealsYouth](https://www.facebook.com/EastersealsYouth).

Video

- Here is a video to tell you more about the campaign and why it is important to #TeachDisabilityHistory





History of our Campaign

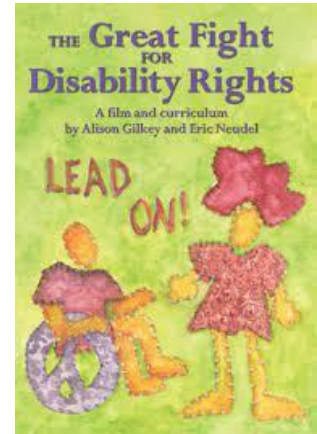
- Over 10 years ago youth advocated to get the governor of Massachusetts to sign a proclamation making October disability history month in Massachusetts.
- This was a great step in the right direction but did not mandate that anything be taught in schools.
- In 2019 youth at Easterseals again joined with advocates by writing letters to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) about the disability history curriculum “The Great Fight for Disability Rights”.
- These efforts helped push to make this curriculum available for free to ALL Massachusetts teachers, but the work continues.

What is Disability History?

- Disability history is the experience, journey and oppression those with disabilities have experienced in the past.
- Including the advocacy and push the disability community has done and continues to do for equal rights.
- Every culture has its own history and people do not often realize that disability is a culture.

What is #TeachDisabilityHistory?

- The goal of the #TeachDisabilityHistory campaign is to spread awareness everywhere about the importance of teaching disability history in schools
- In the video you heard why we think it is important to #TeachDisabilityHistory
- We also want to educate teachers and students in Massachusetts about the curriculum “The Great Fight for Disability Rights”.
- As well as Emerging America’s curriculum, “Reform to Equal Rights”.



What is the campaign committee?

- The #TeachDisabilityHistory campaign is led by a committee of disabled young adults.
- The committee helps to move the campaign forward by meeting regularly to discuss upcoming events and ways to spread the campaign's message.
- The committee presents both in person and virtually across Massachusetts and beyond promoting the importance of teaching disability history.
- The committee is also continually working to push legislation supporting disability history by advocating and meeting with Legislative officials.

The Importance of Our Campaign

- 1 out of every 4 Americans has a disability.
- Currently the only states that have any type of legislation that disability history be taught are California, Maryland, Virginia, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.
- Even with this legislation, it is often not enforced or built into the curriculum framework.
- Our campaign aims to help change this narrative; teaching disability history are moments in history that could be overlooked.



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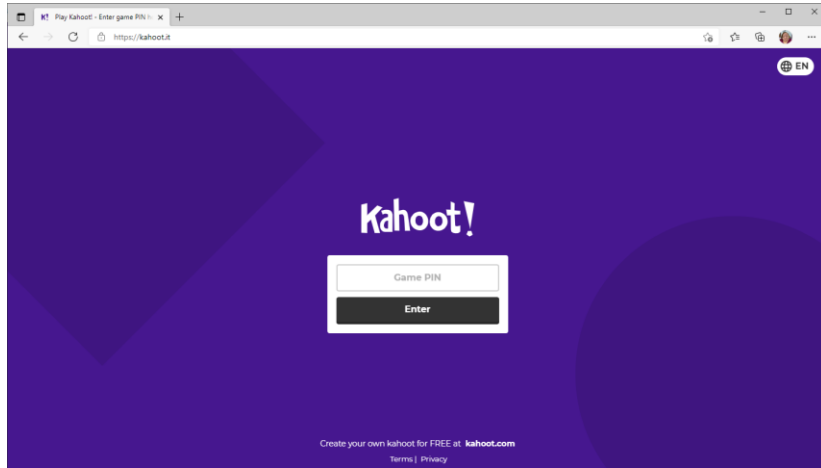


Get Involved

Check out our website &
Join us in spreading the word about
teaching disability history by sharing on
social media of why you think it is important
to #TeachDisabilityHistory

www.tdh.eastersealsma.org

Game Time!



- We will be playing a multiple-choice game to learn disability history facts.
- You will need a device such as a cell phone or iPad. This is how you will answer the questions.
- If you do not have a way play on your own that is ok! You can team up with someone.
- Go to the website www.kahoot.it
- From there you will see this window, we will now share the code for you to put in.
- And remember, we are here to have fun and #TeachDisabilityHistory!

I think it is important to **#TeachDisabilityHistory**

Because...