WHYY NEWS' BRIDGING BLOCKS
"Invisible Barriers: How Ableism Affects Accessibility"
Resource Document

WHYY News Media:
- Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act (Episode)
- Philly study focuses on learning how to use public transit as path to independence for people with learning disabilities
- Philly researchers are using AI robots to better support aging adults with autism
- Adults with intellectual disabilities may wait years for services. Shapiro's budget would help
- Thousands ticketed in Philly crackdown on sidewalk parking and ADA violations

City of Philadelphia: Office for People with Disabilities
- Ensuring the City is inclusive to people of all abilities through advocacy and education. The Office for People with Disabilities (OPD) houses the Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities and the Office of ADA Compliance. Conducts systemic advocacy on behalf of Philadelphians with disabilities.
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City of Philadelphia Intellectual disAbility Services
- IDS works with the Commonwealth and service providers to offer quality supports and services so individuals will have choices in their lives, meaningful relationships, and the opportunity to participate in their community. Some teams include Community Services and Early Intervention Services for adults and children.
  - 215-685-5900

Map of Philadelphia Disability Representation
- You can use our map to learn more about the disability representation in your neighborhood, district, and city.

Healthy Minds Philly
- Walk-in mental health clinic, 24/7 chat for mental and behavioral health emergencies, mental health first aid, free online screenings, events, support groups, LGBTQ resources, and more. Healthy Minds Philly is an initiative of the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, City of Philadelphia

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia

- JFCS' expertise is serving individuals on the autism spectrum, with developmental and intellectual disabilities, with brain injuries, with mental health challenges, and with other disabilities. Staff assist in navigating life challenges, transitions, employment, benefits and entitlements, and emotional and mental well-being through counseling, care management, and other support services and support groups
  - 866.532.7669

Diversability

- Our mission is to amplify disabled voices and democratize disability visibility, representation, and access. A social enterprise on a mission to elevate disability pride, build disability power, and advance disability leadership. Female Founded, Disability Owned, Asian Owned.
  - Newsletter: diversability.substack.com

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- Person-centered planning and prioritize it by offering several services from birth to adulthood to help those with an intellectual or developmental disability
- Residential Options, Community Living Homes, Lifesharing Program, Supported Independent Living, Transitional Homes for Medically Fragile Children, Community Support Programs, Meaningful Day Community Engagement, Clinical Services, Employment, School to Career, Enabling Technology, Early Intervention, Philadelphia Early Learning Centers

SpArc Services

- SpArc Services provides programs and services that encourage inclusion, independence, and personal achievement.
  - SpArc Philadelphia is a family of organizations, including The Arc of Philadelphia and SpArc Services, that provides services to individuals with disabilities. Through employment, advocacy, community inclusion, and cultural enrichment services, the organization works to ensure that all individuals are included in their community.
  - 215.229.4550

Disability Language Guide

- The following, written by Labib Rahman and reviewed and approved by the Stanford Disability Initiative, is a starter guide (non-exhaustive, non-definitive) for considering disability equity (and practicing deference to individual experiences) in the words we use as an institutional community.