

2025 Empowering Health Webinar Series

Addressing Disability Disparities Through Health Equity

Program Agenda | May 23, 2025 | 11 am - 12 pm

11 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

Diane Ducharme, Program Manager, IMAGE Center for People with Disabilities
Carla Beyer Smolin, Community Advocate, Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Community

This session explores how disability and health intersect, highlighting the need for accessible health technologies. Topics include ADA-compliant design, challenges faced by deaf, blind, and users with physical or mental disabilities, and strategies to build more inclusive digital platforms.

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Understand ADA-compliant design and its role in accessible health tech.
- 2) Recognize barriers faced by users with various disabilities.
- 3) Learn strategies to improve accessibility in digital health tools.

12 PM Closing Remarks



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