



## Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies

*University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities*

# Free Training for Muslim Communities

Creating a More Inclusive and Welcoming Environment

*Anas ibn Malik reported from the Prophet ﷺ: “None amongst you believes (truly) until he loves for his brother [or he said ‘for his neighbor’] that which he loves for himself” [Sahih Muslim 45a]*

### What?

A free 1-hour training offered virtually or in-person for your faith community to learn more about the needs of people with disabilities and how to best serve them.

### Why?

Among people in Maine under age 65, 11.6 percent have a disability — a rate of 1.3 times the national average of 8.7 percent (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018). The [University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies](#) is Maine’s [University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities \(UCEDD\)](#). We specialize in evidence-based best practices across the lifespan.

### Who Should Attend?

This training is appropriate for clergy and lay people with and without disabilities; guardians, family members, and allies of people with disabilities; and anyone who is interested in creating a more inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone.

### When?

This training course can be scheduled at a convenient time for your group between now and December 31, 2024.

### Some steps to help promote inclusion and fuller participation of people with disabilities in your faith community:

- Modify the worship setting to create a more welcoming environment for everyone.
- Encourage and support those with learning differences to take a more active role in the rituals and routines of your house of worship.
- Look for the strengths in and respect the sensory differences of people who are neurodiverse (on the autism spectrum, ADHD).

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