

NAQ Purpose

NAQ is the leading national association for disability professionals who support people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) that offers training, professional development and certification for disability specialists who are involved in service planning, service coordination, program development and advocacy. While embracing learning, person-centered thinking, high standards of ethical conduct and promising program practices, NAQ promotes the highest quality in services and supports through leadership development and increasing the knowledge, competency and proficiency of disability specialists who support people with I/DD to flourish and live their best possible lives. NAQ nurtures a community of possibility and hope for the future through *learning*, *connecting*, and *sharing*. NAQ's membership continues to grow across the United States.

To learn more about NAQ, please visit our website or reach out to us via email or phone.

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The National Association for I/DD Professionals

Learning, Connecting, Sharing.

What does NAQ do?



NAQ offers the NAQ-Certified I/DD Specialist Program: 

- Geared specifically towards those with a 4-year degree and 1 year of work experience supporting people with I/DD.
- 80+ hour curriculum through 11 modules
- Information presented by subject-matter experts
- Self-paced, virtual access through a Learning Management System



NAQ hosts an annual conference:

- Features access to knowledge and learning regarding promising/best practices and supports from those working in a variety of settings
- Nurtures a community of possibility and hope for the future
- Where people go to reenergize, reinvigorate, relax, recharge, restore, refuel, renew.



NAQ provides webinars and learning events:

- Subject-matter experts share current information
- Easy remote access to information
- Earn CEs



NAQ promotes Developmental Disabilities Professionals Day:

- July 15
- Opportunity to recognize and appreciate Disability Professionals



NAQ develops resources:

- Developed the NAQ Code of Ethics
- Maintains a robust and relevant website filled with resources and thought pieces
- Creates resources for those who support people with I/DD
- Promotes contemporary person-centered planning

NAQ Membership

Members of NAQ are professionals in the field of I/DD interested in the advancement of quality services and supports for people in addition to their own personal, as well as professional growth.



Individual Membership

An Individual Membership provides full benefits to individual professionals. Membership dues are \$75 annually.



Organizational Membership

Organizational Membership are paid annually and scaled according to the number of participating employees selected by the organization. The more employees enrolled, the lower the cost of the annual membership for each employee.