**FLIC Mission Statement**

We believe that a society which includes people with disabilities is beneficial to all of its members.

Furthermore, we believe that individual and group attitudes toward people with disabilities often create closed social structures and architectural barriers, which are detrimental to all members of society.

The mission of the Finger Lakes Independence Center is to empower all people with disabilities, while creating an inclusive society, through the elimination of social and architectural barriers.

**Learn about**

- Living with a disability
- Disability etiquette - how to interact with people with disabilities
- Moving beyond myths and stereotypes
- How to welcome people with disabilities into your life, business, or organization
- Working with students or children with disabilities
- Assistive equipment, service animals and independence
- Accessibility and universal design
- Americans with Disabilities Act and:
  - employment
  - transportation
  - public accommodations
  - telecommunications
- The Independent Living Movement
- American Sign Language or Braille

**Adult Presentations**

**FREE PROGRAMS and TRAININGS FOR**

College and University courses
Human Service Agencies
Professional Organizations
Businesses
Service Organizations and Clubs
Religious groups
Why is disability outreach so important?
Because it fosters the inclusion of people with disabilities into all aspects of society, and the benefits of this are mutual:

People with disabilities have more options and people without disabilities benefit from the experience of a more diverse society.

Our message to adults:
“People with disabilities are all around—we are your neighbors, friends, family members, employees, employers, consumers, and advisors. Include us!”

Outreach Staff members can:
- Describe kinds of disabilities
- Share personal experiences about living with a disability
- Discuss appropriate language to describe disability
- Facilitate a role-play about interacting with or offering assistance to a person with a disability
- Take part in small group or panel discussions about disability rights and diversity
- Demonstrate assistive equipment or American Sign Language

We look forward to designing a program or activity that most closely fits your disability awareness needs

For more information about FLIC’s outreach programs:

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