TOTAL(LY) INCLUSIVE ECLIPSE

Planning through the Lens of Inclusion

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1 in 4 Americans is living with a disability

- New Mexico: 500,000
- Cleveland: 2.6 Million
- Greater ROC: 300,000+
- Montreal: 523,000+
- Maine: 211,000

Collectively, people with disabilities have $490 Billion in disposable income.
PERSPECTIVE HELPS

• If the person did not have a disability, there would be no problem

- The ways our communities have been built and the ways services are offered are the problem

We can CHANGE those things!
YOU ARE THE AGENT OF SOLUTIONS

- Your role as Event Host & Planner:

  To intentionally prepare your event so that people who function in a variety of ways have a fantastic experience with you!
INCLUSION INTENTIONALLY PREPS FOR EVERYONE — EVEN IF WE DON’T KNOW THEIR DIAGNOSIS
## Functional Ability

### Physical
- Facility
- Parking
- Restrooms

### Sensory
- Hearing, Seeing, Feeling/Touching, Seeing
- Color, Processing Sensory stimulation

### Communication
- Verbal, nonverbal, reading expressions, expressing ourselves

### Intellectual
- Learning, Processing, Memory, ability to pay attention

### Social/Emotional
- Cope with stress, Experience Joy, Understand Social Norms
**Parking:** Cone off Accessible Parking, Assign parking attendant to direct traffic; Provide parking information in event promo info

**Signage:** Provide clear signage using multiple types of communication (pictures, words)

**Communication:** Train all staff/vols to use variety of communication options (ASL, phone apps, pen/paper); Train on Person-First & Identity-First language

**Route of Travel:** Ensure there is a firm/stable path; rent MobiMats, provide ramps; Literally try your experience from each Functional Ability

**Sensory:** Provide and advertise a Quieter Area; understand how to make them meaningful

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**TANGIBLE INCLUSION SOLUTIONS**

- **Hashtags:** #CamelCase and Alt Text on Social Media and flyers

- **Restrooms:** ADA compliant restroom options; reserve ADA porta johns now!

- **Restrooms:** Adult changing stations are crucial – find where they are in your community and build your event around them

- **Experience:** Include a variety of methods for experiencing the eclipse – check out resources!

- **Details:** Offer descriptive narrative, use microphones, ASL interpreters, closed captioning on videos

- **Invite:** Advertise all of this explicitly; partner with agencies, Google “disability organizations in ___”; Have people w/ disabilities on your Task Forces

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INCLUSION HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE FEELS LIKE YOU WERE EXPECTING THEM TO SHOW UP

• Anticipate needs

• Implement solutions during planning

• Find your Every One and Invite, Invite, Invite!

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INCLUSION IS NOT A CHECKBOX; IT’S A WAY OF BEING

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LET'S MAKE EVERY ECLIPSE A TOTAL(LY) INCLUSIVE ECLIPSE!

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