Ableism Workshops

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noun

In its simplest form, ableism is the belief system that tells us it is better to be non-disabled than it is to be disabled. Ableism also examines disability discrimination on a systemic level by looking at the ways our society designs physically and socially segregated systems.

Ableism 101: Everything you know about disability is (probably) wrong!

In this workshop we will introduce the basic concepts of ableism and explore how the language we use around disability can either support equality or perpetuate stigma. Participants will be challenged to identify their own unconscious bias around disability. Come learn how to support the disability rights and disability justice community in Southwest Michigan.

Battle Creek: **Tuesday, March 3** **9:00 – 11:30 AM**
United Way of the Battle Creek & Kalamazoo Region
34 W. Jackson St., Ste. 4B

Kalamazoo: **Wednesday, March 4** **9:00 – 11:30 AM**
Disability Network Southwest Michigan
517 E. Crosstown Parkway

Ableism 102: Next Steps in Dismantling Ableism

This workshop builds on what you learned in Ableism 101 with a deeper examination of the causes and impacts of ableism and what it means to be truly inclusive. **Prerequisite:** Ableism 101.

Kalamazoo: **Thursday, March 5** **4:30 – 8:00 PM**

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Please pre-register online at bit.ly/March2020Ableism or contact Miranda at (269) 345-1516 x120. Let us know if you need an accommodation to participate.

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