

Community Inclusion Partnership (CIP)

Considering approximately 1 in 54 children is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder in the United States and as many as 1 in 4 adults is diagnosed with a more general disability, The Kelberman Center is looking for community partners to support autism awareness and develop more inclusive environments. In partnership with The Kelberman Center providing inclusion and awareness trainings and ongoing support, we are looking for agencies to provide internship opportunities for the people we support, and further, commit to promoting community awareness as a team.

Step 1: Awareness and Inclusion Trainings

After an initial consultation with the Kelberman team, our staff work collaboratively with community partners to develop an individualized, organizational training plan including some or all of the following topic areas. Follow-up consultation and training is available.

- Thinking and acting inclusively and supporting all
- Developing an awareness and understanding of autism and I/DD
- Communicating and interacting with individuals with autism and I/DD
- General and individualized interventions for individuals with autism and I/DD
- Responding to crisis situations involving individuals with autism and I/DD
- Learning de-escalation strategies to use in crisis situations for individuals with autism and I/DD

Step 2: Community Internship Opportunity

In collaboration with our pre-employment services, organizations will have the opportunity to work together with the people we support. This will allow interns to learn hands-on skills and engage in new experiences, while at the same time, guide community partners in better understanding and further developing inclusive practices. All interns work with a Kelberman Center employment staff while on the job.

Step 3: Promote Community Awareness

Agencies are invited to team with The Kelberman Center in promoting community awareness. We encourage our partners to create a team for our Walk for Autism or to create their own unique way to raise awareness and support for the Center.



For more information on how your organization can be a part of this partnership, please email: Kelly Carinci, Chief Development Officer at kelly.carinci@kelbermancenter.org