



RIVERSIDE, CA

**AUTISM
CERTIFIED CITY
INITIATIVE**

RIVERSIDE LEADS BY EXAMPLE



MODELING INCLUSION

- State of the City
- Collab. ISCUW, 211, City of Riverside, IBCCES

ACCOMMODATING OUR NEURODIVERGENT COMMUNITY

- Neurodivergence: 15-20% of our population
- Current Gaps

BECOMING AN AUTISM CERTIFIED CENTER/CITY

- ORGANIZATIONAL TRAINING FOR KEY STAKE HOLDERS



OUR NEURODIVERGENT COMMUNITY 15-20%

Neurodivergent is a nonmedical, umbrella term that describes people whose brains develop or work differently than a typical one. This means the person can have different strengths and/or struggles. Some may not be diagnosed.

Examples of our neurodivergent community:

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Dyslexia
- Tourette Syndrome
- Social Anxiety Disorder

CURRENT GAPS IN INCLUSION

- Negative Stereotypes/Stigma
- Absence of Appropriate Accommodations
- Delayed Access to Services
- Inappropriate Interactions/Responses
- Lack of Awareness and Training

THE PATH TO BECOMING AN AUTISM CERTIFIED CITY



- Organizational training, certification + supports
- Specific to setting and role
- Focus on understanding, communication, and support for neurodivergent individuals



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Public Safety

Minimum 1 organization from each category need to become certified (total 2)

- Firefighters, EMT
- Law enforcement

Hospitality, Entertainment, Recreation

Minimum 12 organizations need to become certified

- Hotels, lodging
- Attractions + entertainment
- Restaurants
- Parks + Rec

Healthcare

Minimum 4 organizations need to become certified

- ER, urgent care
- Hospitals
- Therapy clinics

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Schools / Education

Minimum 3 organizations need to become certified

- K12 support staff, educators
- Learning or tutoring centers
- Universities/community college
- Trade Schools

Workplace Inclusion

Minimum 7 organizations need to become certified

- Small and large employers

Become an Autism Certified Center!



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