

### Awareness Days & Events Related to AOE

Month	Event	Contact/ Sponsoring Program
January		
February	Disability Awareness Day (generally sometimes Feb-March)	
	Rare Disease Day	
March	March 1 <sup>st</sup> - National Day of Mourning	Caregivers of people with disabilities, death of those with disabilities
	National Brain Injury Awareness Day 3/24	VT Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day.
	Card Room Event	
April	National ASL Day, 4/15	
	Housing Awareness Day at the statehouse	
May	Mental Health Awareness Month	
	VT Deaf, DeafBlind Hearing Inclusive Plus Day.	ALDA Oct 30 to Nov 3, 2023 - Austin, TXHLAA June 29 to July 1st,
	National Tourette's Syndrome Awareness Day 5/15-6/15	
	Ehlers-Danlos syndrome	They are always trying to bring more awareness to EDS, especially since it is incredibly under-recognized by medical providers, and there's a lot of misinformation which leads to lack of medical care, suffering, and deaths.
	Voices & Choices: "We are All Vermont Strong", GMSA Annual Conferen	Green Mountain Self Advocates (GMSA) Annual Conference – Sheridan, Burlington Contact: GMSA – <a href="http://www.gmsavt.org/images/conference/vc2013.pdf">http://www.gmsavt.org/images/conference/vc2013.pdf</a> – 229-2600
	Interpreter Appreciation Day, 5/3/23	
	Annual Youth Transition Summit	
June	Deborah Lisi-Baker Youth Leader Award (end of school year, annually)	
July	Mad Pride Day in July annually (this year in Burlington July 15, 2023)	Psychiatric Pride
	Disability Pride Month	
	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 23rd Anniversary Celebration	Vermont Center for Independent Living – Main Street Landing, Burlington Contact: VCIL – <a href="http://www.vcil.org">www.vcil.org</a> – 229-0501
	Remembering the Brandon Training School, 7/27 Opening Reception	CMAC – <a href="http://www.cmacvt.org">www.cmacvt.org</a>
August	Spinal Muscular Atrophy Month	
	Remembering the Brandon Training School, 9/13 Remembrance Day	CMAC – <a href="http://www.cmacvt.org">www.cmacvt.org</a>

<b>September</b>	National Service Dog Month	Get out Positive information in a non-confrontive way
	World Day of the Deaf, 9/24	
<b>October</b>	October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month	Spirit of ADA Awards, HA works with other programs, Proclamation in Future?
	Staff of HA Appreciation	Staff meeting, invite the council, proclamation, press conference, Governor, earlier the better.
<b>November</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of the Brandon training school, 11/15/23	Developmental Disabilities Services Division – 871-3065
	New England Epilepsy Foundation, Helena will f/U	All staff meeting in October, invite
<b>December</b>		
<b>Other Ideas</b>	Opioid, Chronic Illness, days? Youth Event,	
	Positive, Pride presentation of information- People's Stories	
	Work with Diane for October Events. Put a group together starting to meet in August: Diane and HA, Bill, Cari, Janice, Laura, Courtney, Abby, Helena :)	
	<b><u>Awards</u></b>	
	David Sagi Award, DAIL	DAIL
	GCEPD Award, nominations due by end of August?	
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	VCIL	
	Ally of Accessibility Awards	
	Rosemary Miller Dining for All award	