Hosting a Disability Awareness Training Event can be a great way to educate your church or local community on disabilities and how to better support the disability community. Below is a suggested timeline and recommended topics to help you as you plan your own Disability Awareness Training Event.

**Schedule of a 1-Hour Training Event**

**Welcome** – 3 minutes

**Prevalence of Disabilities** – 5 minutes

**Personal Testimony** – 10 minutes
- Invite an individual affected by disability or a volunteer who serves in disability ministry to share their own experience with disability and the church.

**Philosophy of Ministry** – 10 minutes
- Why it is important for the church to engage in disability ministry?
- Many families affected by disability do not attend church because it is too difficult or they do not feel welcomed there.
- Biblical examples of suffering: Job, Joseph, Jesus.
- Emphasize that all people are equal and valuable in God’s eyes (Luke 14, 1 Corinthians 12, and Galatians 3:23-29).

**What can we do?** – 20 minutes
- Awareness and disability etiquette (download the [handout Disability Etiquette](https://www.irresistiblechurch.org/resources/disability-education) from the Irresistible Church book “Start With Hello.”)
- What is your church doing to embrace families affected by disability and how can people help?

**Q&A** – 10 minutes

**Closing** – 2 minutes

**Additional Help**

For additional help planning a disability awareness training event for your church or local community, please email churchengagement@jonandfriends.org.