



**Redefining disability.
At work. At home. At play.**



Dear *|FIRST_NAME|*,

Happy Disability Pride month!

This has been a challenging time for the disability community, and LEAP is looking forward to taking a moment to celebrate Disability Pride.

Before the fun, though, it's important to address what's happening outside of LEAP's walls. There have been challenges to existing civil rights laws protecting people with disabilities. Federal and state policies and budgets will greatly impact access to healthcare, employment, and public benefits.

LEAP is responding with advocacy and thoughtful work. The Community Advocacy Group, recently named [Disability Rising CLE](#), meets monthly and takes action on issues concerning people with disabilities. LEAP [employment services](#) are engaging 37 youth and seven college interns in the Summer Youth Work Experience program. We continue to support people with disabilities in accessing [public benefits](#) and understanding how all the changes impact them. We're helping people [transition](#) from nursing homes to community living. And the [Quantum LEAP](#) recreation program is building relationships and introducing participants to their new favorite hobby.

In addition to these services, LEAP has been working hard to build community and listen to people with disabilities share what matters to them. For July, we've been talking about Disability Pride. Advocate Baylee Swank shared, "Pride means advocating for systemic change and equitable access. It means supporting others in unlearning internalized ableism and affirming their worth. It's about creating space where stimming is celebrated, asking for help is normalized, and disability is visible, respected, and protected."

Hear from more advocates below and on LEAP's [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

We'd love to talk with you at a Disability Pride event this month. **On Wednesday, July 16**, we're joining our co-members of the Northeast Ohio Coalition of Disability Organizations for [Disability Pride night](#) at WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday.

On Tuesday, July 22, we'll be at [Forest City Brewery](#) for a [Disability Pride Party](#) planned by and featuring performances by people with disabilities. We're grateful for the support of our Ramp Builder sponsors [MaxHousing](#), [Skylight Financial](#), and [Youth Challenge](#); Community Connector sponsors [Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services](#) and [Common Goal Financial](#); and Community Member Sponsors Chris Garr, Patricia Hughes, and Mara Layne. It's not too late to join them—[sponsor today](#)!

In celebration,
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Disability Pride Flag Colors and Symbolism

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July 26 marks the 35th anniversary of the signing of the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) (ADA). Over the last 35 years, individuals with disabilities have joined together to celebrate this milestone for disability civil rights. In 2019, the disability pride flag became a unique symbol of these celebrations. Tap the link below to learn more [↓](#)

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Celebrate Disability Pride Month with LEAP!

Disability Pride at WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday

Disability Pride Night at WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday

Join us at Disability Pride Night at Wade Oval Wednesday, July 16, from 4-8:30 PM!

[Learn More](#)

Baseball

Disability Awareness Night at the Cleveland Guardians

Attend Disability Awareness Night at the Guardians, Friday, July 18, at 7:10 PM!

[Tickets & Info](#)

Art

Disability Pride Month Tours

Enjoy guided tours featuring art by artists with disabilities, every Sunday from 12:00-1:00 PM at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Disability Pride Party!

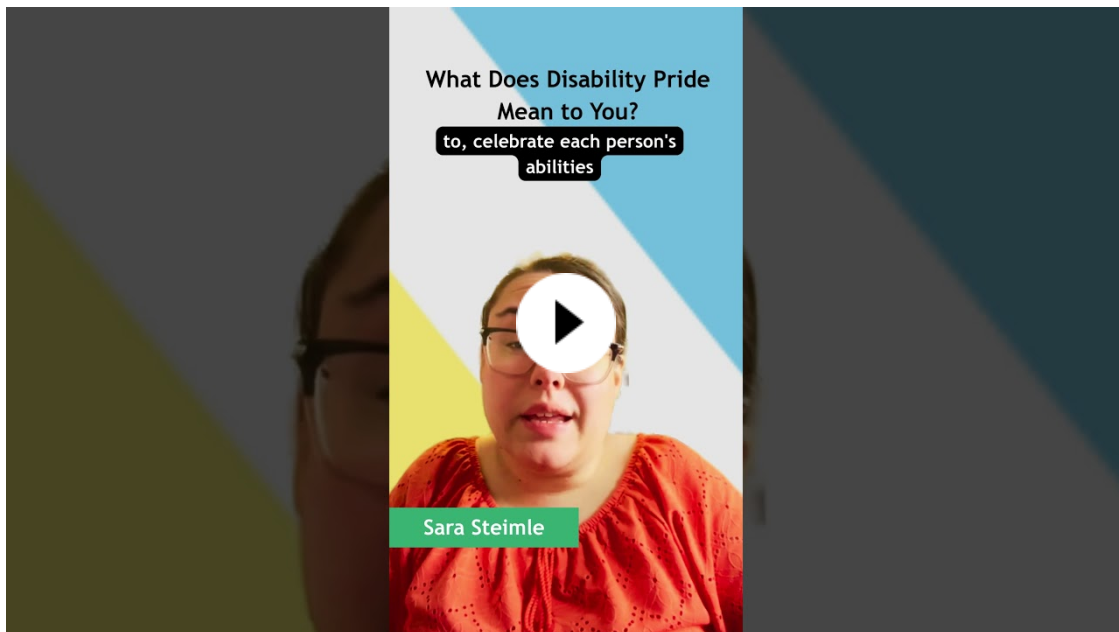
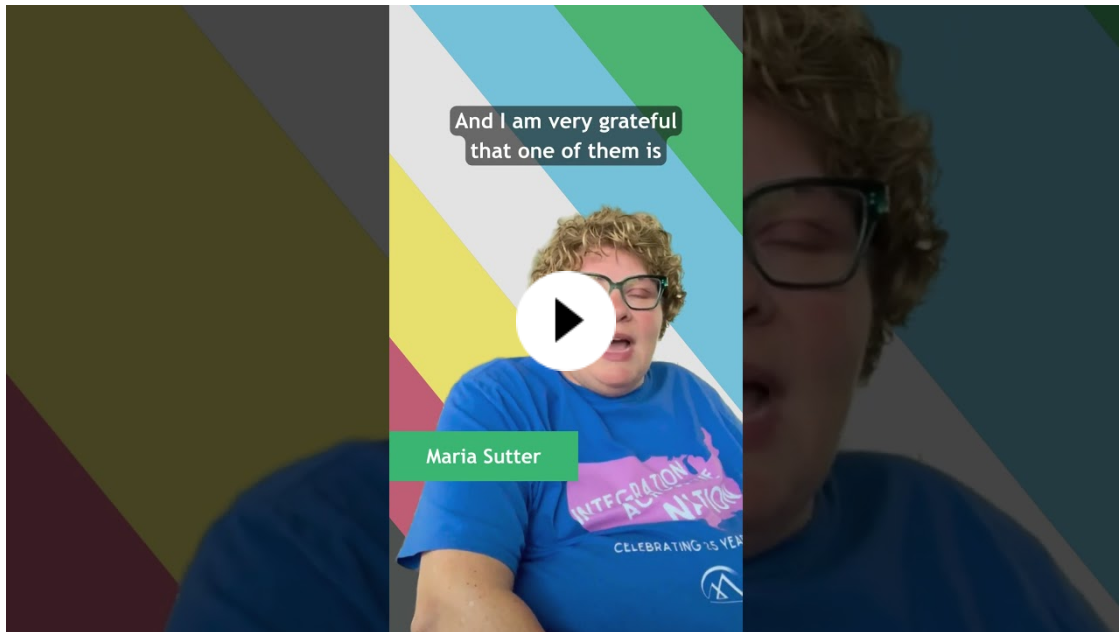
Disability Pride Party

Celebrate Disability Pride with us on Tuesday, July 22, from 5-8 PM at Forest City Brewery!

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What Does Disability Pride Mean to You?



Show Your Disability Pride By Getting Involved

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Pride Party

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