



Nov. 17, 2017, 1-3PM
795 Main St, Buffalo

Places of worship are expected to be places of welcome, where people can participate in services, ministries, and events. This is not always the case. Even where the intent exists, our knowledge of how to accept people with disabilities can sometimes stifle our response. Often, places of worship *think* they are more accessible and accepting than they really are. Come and be inspired by David Whalen who will share vital resources, the latest tools and practice needed to open minds and open hearts to our brothers and sisters with disabilities.



Dave Whalen has assisted several Catholic schools, parishes and leaders of many churches. He developed a training program specific to the needs of places of worship for pastors, parish staff, teachers, and volunteers. and it's FREE for you this Nov. 17th from 1-3PM.

Since 2004, Dave has conducted over 600 training events for a wide variety of audiences. He was awarded a five year grant from the State of New York to develop training for law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical services, and 9-1-1 dispatch. He currently has contracts with several states. He chairs the Town of Amherst's Committee on Disabilities. He sits on the Erie County Disability Advisory Board. Dave is President of the Williamsville School District's Special Education PTSA, a Board member of C-HOPE, and Parish Advocate for S.S. Peter and Paul, Williamsville.

REGISTER: Space is limited. Provide name, parish name and phone number to: Dennis Mahaney at 716-847-8393 or email: dmahaney@buffalodiocese.org

