

People First Language

People First Language recognizes that individuals with disabilities are - first and foremost - people. It emphasizes each person's value, individuality, dignity and capabilities.

People First Language to Use	Instead of Labels that Stereotype and Devalue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> people/individuals with disabilities an adult who has a disability a child with a disability, a person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the handicapped the disabled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> people/individuals without disabilities typical kids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> normal people/healthy individuals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> people with intellectual and developmental disabilities he/she has a cognitive impairment a person who has Down syndrome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the mentally retarded; retarded people he/she is retarded; the retarded he/she's a Downs kid; a Mongoloid; a Mongol
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a person who has autism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> autistic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> people with a mental illness a person who has an emotional disability with a psychiatric illness/disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the mentally ill; the emotionally disturbed is insane; crazy; demented; psycho a maniac; lunatic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a person who has a learning disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> he/she is learning disabled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a person who is deaf he/she has a hearing impairment/loss a man/woman who is hard of hearing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the deaf
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> person who is deaf and cannot speak who has a speech disorder uses a communication device uses synthetic speech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> is deaf and dumb mute
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a person who is blind a person who has a visual impairment man/woman who has low vision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the blind
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a person who has epilepsy people with a seizure disorder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an epileptic a victim of epilepsy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a person who uses a wheelchair people who have a mobility impairment a person who walks with crutches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a person who is wheelchair bound a person who is confined to a wheelchair a cripple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a person who has quadriplegia people with paraplegia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a quadriplegic the paraplegic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> he/she is of small or short stature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a dwarf or midget

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• he/she has a congenital disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• he/she has a birth defect
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• accessible buses, bathrooms, etc. reserved parking for people with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• handicapped buses, bathrooms, hotel rooms , handicapped parking