

## Muslim Organizations and Networks Working on Disability Issues

Disability organizations primarily focused on American Muslim communities

- **EnabledMuslim (enabledmuslim.org)**, a project of **American Muslim Health Professionals (amhp.us)**, is an online network providing spiritual and practical support for Muslims impacted by disabilities, both intellectual and physical
- **MUHSEN (Muslims United for Handicap and Special Education Needs, muhsen.org)**, a non-profit striving to promote awareness, acceptance, and inclusion in Muslim communities and mosques (building model mosque disability inclusion programs)
- **Global Deaf Muslim (globaldeafmuslim.org)**, a non-profit that advocates for the rights and needs of deaf Muslims worldwide and particularly strives to improve accessible Islamic education and programming

Disability organizations founded and led by Muslims, serving the needs of people of all faiths:

- **EquallyAble Foundation (equallyable.org)**, a non-profit seeking to empower and include people with disabilities worldwide, by helping provide education, employment, medical equipment, innovative technology, outreach to promote inclusion, and religious community supports
- **ETI – Empowerment Through Integration (etivision.org)**, a non-profit that propels disadvantaged blind youths to explore and achieve their career goals, with programs in the U.S., Lebanon, and more

Organizations serving the mental health needs of American Muslim communities:

- **Muslim Wellness Foundation (muslimwellness.com)**, an organization working to reduce stigma associated with mental illness, addiction and trauma in the American Muslim community
- **Naseeha Muslim Helpline (naseeha.net)**, 1-866-NASEEHA, a confidential youth helpline for young Muslims to receive immediate, anonymous, and confidential support over the phone
- **Stones to Bridges (stonestobridges.org)**, dedicated to empowering and supporting the needs of Muslim and other youth in North America, as a means to promote their emotional, social, and mental well-being
- **The Family & Youth Institute (thefyi.org)**, a non-profit research and education institute helping young people and their families realize their fullest potential through the development of the mind, body, and spirit

Muslim disability organizations and networks in Canada and the United Kingdom:

- **SMILE (smilecan.org)**, dedicated to supporting children living with disabilities and their families in Canada
- **Canadian Association for Muslims with Disabilities (camd.ca)**, focused on community-based approaches to meet the needs of Canadians with disabilities and their families
- **Disabled Muslims Network, UK (facebook.com/disabledmuslimsnetwork)**, working to support and assist Muslims who have a disability and Muslim parents of children with disabilities

## Resources for More Information on Disability and Islam & Muslims

Go to [enabledmuslim.org/resources](http://enabledmuslim.org/resources) to find....

...these guides and initiatives on including and supporting people with disabilities:

- *Disability in Islam: A Guide for Khutbas, Seminars, and Workshops*, created by the EquallyAble Foundation (endorsed by the Islamic Society of North America and the Islamic Circle of North America)
- "Promoting Inclusiveness for People with Disabilities," an *Islamic Horizons* article on the American Muslim community
- "Where Do We Go from Here?", a document providing steps to help make your masjid and community center more inclusive

...and these stories of notable Muslims living with disabilities:

- "We Will Not Be Hidden," a video of American Muslims with disabilities
- An episode of *PBS Religion & Ethics* featuring the community Masjid Waarith Ud Deen in Irvington, NJ
- Video of Mona Minkara's 2009 Commencement Speech at Wellesley College
- *Living with Blindness: Lessons from the life of Imran Sabir*, a book about an exceptional Scottish Muslim with a severe disability
- Read about Safiyyah Amina Muhammad and Leila in the book, *Amazing Gifts: Stories of Faith, Disability, and Inclusion* by Mark I. Pinsky (not online)

...and more!

Check out **The Muslimah Next Door blog** ([www.patheos.com/blogs/muslimahnextdoor](http://www.patheos.com/blogs/muslimahnextdoor)), written by Dilshad D. Ali, for a wide variety of articles and post about the intersection of disability and special needs issues and the Muslim community, as well as a plethora of personal posts chronicling her family's autism journey.

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