**2019 DEI Update Webinars**

In 2019, some DEI questions will be weighted, as advised by the [DEI Advisory Committee](https://disabilityequalityindex.org/dei_advisory). The DEI Advisory Committee is a diverse group of business leaders, policy experts, and disability advocates, who have assembled to share with the [Disability:IN](https://disabilityin.org/) and [AAPD](https://www.aapd.com/) their knowledge, expertise, and vision to enhance disability inclusion policies and practices in the workplace.

Several key weighted changes for the DEI go into effect in calendar year 2019. Registration is open now through January 11, 2019.

**May 17th Webinar**

To celebrate Global Accessibility Awareness Day (#GAAD), we hosted a public webinar on the Disability Equality Index. Attendees learned how to become a "Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion," accessibility trends and best practices, and how to prepare for 2019 DEI.

Speakers included:

* Jill Houghton, President & CEO, Disability:IN
* Patricia Richards, Vice President, Supplier Diversity, Disability:IN
* Becky Curran, Director, Disability Equality Index, Disability:IN

**September 11th Webinar**

This webinar reviewed: Recruitment, Employment, Education, Retention, Advancement, and Community Engagement sub-categories plus information from DEI Committee Members about fair pay, profile screening tests, and supported employment. **(add link to blog post that talks about these categories)**

Speakers included:

* Julia Bascom, Executive Director, Autistic Self Advocacy Network
* Jill Houghton, President & CEO, Disability:IN
* Deb Dagit, Disability Inclusion Consultant, Disability:IN

**October 9th Webinar**

This webinar reviewed the Enterprise-Wide Access category which includes WCAG 2.1 (https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21) updates.

Speakers included:

* Andrew Kirkpatrick, Head of Accessibility, Adobe
* George Abbott, Chief Knowledge Advancement Officer, American Foundation for the Blind
* Jill Houghton, President & CEO, Disability:IN
* Leslie Wilson, Vice President, Workplace Initiatives, Disability:IN

**November 6th Webinar**

This webinar covered the newly weighted Supplier Diversity category in the 2019 DEI.

Speakers included:

* Kathleen Castore, Head of Supplier Diversity & Sustainability, Sanofi & Co-Leader of Disability:IN’s Procurement Council
* Patricia Richards, Vice President, Supplier Diversity, Disability:IN
* Becky Curran, Director, Disability Equality Index, Disability:IN