



Jewish Abilities Atlanta



## Embracing Disability, Inclusion, and Accessibility to Make an Impact in Jewish Atlanta

Jewish Abilities Atlanta (JAA) promotes an inclusive community that celebrates the uniqueness of each person and lifts the voices and experiences of people with disabilities. JAA supports Jewish Atlanta in valuing people with disabilities, regarding them as full participants in all that our community provides and the contributions that they make. JAA acts as a platform to further inclusion across the lifespan, ensuring that considerations of inclusion and accessibility are integrated into planning, mindset, and service provision within the Jewish community.

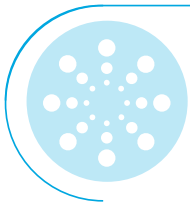


The impact of JAA resonates far and wide, and we are incredibly fortunate to have JAA as a guiding force in our journey towards a more inclusive and accessible community.

– JAA grantee

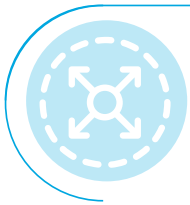


## JAA AREAS OF FOCUS



### Increasing Individual & Organizational Awareness

- Community awareness programs
- Disability awareness training for the Jewish community
- Advocacy and advancing employment for people with disabilities



### Increasing Organizational Capacity

- Inclusion grants- microgrants and large-scale grants for inclusion initiatives, accessibility capital improvements
- Agency inclusion assessments
- Education consultation and best practice



### Increasing Community Planning

- Developing a Jewish Disability Network

# OUR IMPACT

**\$190,000**

in grants awarded to Jewish community partners to enhance inclusion and accessibility over the last 6 years

**428**

individuals received inclusion training

**593**

individuals participated in community awareness events to foster a shared dialogue and vision of inclusion

**40+**

Jewish classrooms received educational consulting providing strategies to make classrooms and teaching practices more inclusive

**\$21,000**

distributed for inclusion and accessibility projects

The JAA has established the **Disability Synagogue Inclusion Committee**, dedicated to fostering inclusive communities within synagogues for individuals with disabilities. This committee actively assists synagogues in making their spaces, information, and materials accessible. Moreover, it strives to enhance community awareness about the social model of disability, emphasizing the significance of creating inclusive environments. The committee convenes quarterly, providing a platform for members to connect, share ideas, and collaborate with one another to advance the mission of inclusion.

**“JAA training has proven to be an invaluable resource, equipping our community with the tools and mindset necessary for genuine inclusion”**

- Synagogue inclusion committee member following training offered to the group

## NEW IN 2024

Jewish **Early Childhood Education** Initiative

**Teen** Inclusion Cohort

New JAA **Training** Catalog

JAA **Lending Library** Partnerships

**Synagogue Inclusion** Committee Cohort

JAA awarded over **\$116,500** in **community grants** in 2024

