

## **NOA Member Organization**

Developmental Disabilities Nurses  
Association, Inc.



## **Current President:**

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## **Executive Director/CEO:**

S. Diane Moore, BSN, RN, CDDN

**Mission:** DDNA serves to educate, empower, and advocate for nurses practicing in the specialty of developmental disability nursing.

**Purpose:** Thousands of DD nurses, student nurses, and supporters are united to promote high quality education, national recognition, and certification in this important, highly skilled area of nursing practice. DDNA's members share a common purpose — to enhance developmental disabilities nursing practice through networking and education — effecting positive change for persons with developmental disabilities locally, nationally, and globally.

DDNA supports this common purpose by:

- Offering continuously updated news relevant to the care of persons with IDD, with numerous references on its website
- Providing high-quality education in the form of conferences and online IDD-specific learning
- Promoting and supporting opportunities for professional networking among members through our regional affiliates and online;
- Providing access to a peer-reviewed scholarly online journal in IDD nursing
- Offering certification in the specialty of IDD nursing to both RNs and LPN/LVNs via experience, examination, and continuing education.

**Goal:** To foster the growth of nursing knowledge and expertise about optimal care of persons with DD, thereby improving their care, services, and quality of life.

**Address current and emerging nursing issues:** DDNA collaborates with several other IDD-related associations to identify and address current issues in nursing and healthcare for persons with IDD. Also, DDNA believes that education and support is key to addressing emerging practice issues in the specialty, preparing nurses to face the ever-changing landscape of IDD nurses. Again, DDNA works to provide current,

relevant education and information through its e-newsletter, regular webinars, and other education offerings and works to provide support and resources to members through position statements and other practice guidelines. Additionally, through its nursing practice councils, DDNA considers emerging practice issues facing the specialty and works to develop resources and materials for members.