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**Title:** The Impact of COVID-19 Among the DD Population in Higher Education **Presenters:** Ashley Burt M.Ed., L.P.C.C., Valerie Miller M.A., CCC-LP, and Amanda Papa Kafcsak M.S. **Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD) are one of the most vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Like the general population, the DD population has experienced upheaval amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The DD community has been presented with a unique set of challenges that impact their physical, psychological, and social wellbeing. Although there are many challenges, there have also been benefits for this group. This training will explore the early research of both the negative and positive impacts on the DD population, practical support strategies, and resources. This training will also offer a firsthand perspective from a remarkable young woman on the Autism Spectrum named Grace. She is a Good Life Ambassador for the Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities and currently attending Cleveland State University in pursuit of a major in psychology and a minor in neuroscience.

**Event Time:**  
**March 23, 2021 11:30  
AM Eastern Time (US  
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## Session Objectives:

- Recognize the concerns and challenges faced by the DD community during the COVID-19 pandemic including the physical, psychological, and social impacts.
- Identify contributing factors to the unique challenges experienced among the DD population during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Recognize the benefits of the COVID-19 pandemic for some in the DD community.
- Identify practical strategies and resources that can be utilized to better support individuals with DD through the COVID-19 pandemic.