

Language is powerful

When referring to people with disabilities...

USE	INSTEAD OF	USE	INSTEAD OF
people with disabilities	the disabled handicapped	person who is blind	the blind
person with diabetes, arthritis, etc.	afflicted with suffers from	person who is visually impaired	
person with a mental illness	mental insane	person with a mobility disability	physically challenged
person with a mental health issue	crazy psychotic	person with a spinal cord injury	crippled
person who is hard of hearing	the hearing impaired	person who uses a wheelchair	confined to a wheelchair wheelchair bound
person who is Deaf	deaf and dumb deaf mute	accessible parking	handicapped parking
person with an intellectual disability	mentally retarded	accessible washrooms	handicapped washrooms
person with a developmental disability	mentally challenged	person without a disability	normal