



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Best Buddies Chapter at UMass Medical School seeks adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) to join our program. We match adults with IDD in one-to-one friendships with students from UMass Medical School. Our buddy pairs spend at least four hours per month together doing activities in the community, usually on evenings and weekends. Our chapter also hosts group events that buddy pairs may attend every 2-3 months. There is no cost for participation.

Who is a good fit for our program?

Our chapter seeks adults of ALL ages, however, most UMass Medical School students are in their mid- to late-twenties. We believe that organic friendships can be formed across generations, but would *especially* love to have IDD individuals in their 20s/30s, since they fall within a similar age range.

To be considered eligible, potential Buddies must meet specific criteria, and as such, we ask that all referrals are made keeping the following in-mind:

Potential Buddies MUST:

- Have permission for unstaffed community time
- No dangerous/challenging behavior patterns
- No prior convictions of physical or sexual crime
- Be able to transfer into a vehicle if they use a wheelchair

UMMS students will NOT be able to:

- Provide direct personal care
- Administer medication

How do I refer a buddy?

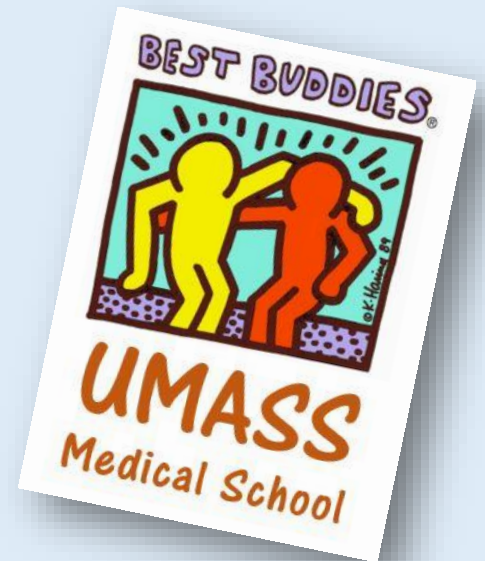
Go to our website: <http://bestbuddiesumassmed.weebly.com/>

- Click on the "refer/sign up" link on the top bar
- Click on "refer someone".
- Complete the brief referral form and click "submit"

Information from the referral form will be sent directly to us. We will then be able to get in-touch with you and/or the person you have referred and enroll them in Best Buddies!

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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THANK YOU!