

# *Association of People with Intellectual Disabilities will enroll new members in Holguín*

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Holguín, July 30 (RHC) -- The Board of Directors of the Cuban Association of People with Intellectual Disabilities (Acpidi) in the province of Holguín, will enroll new members starting next August, as part of the care for this vulnerable population group.

This first stage will be developed gradually and consists of the accreditation of medical conditions such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, one of the most prevalent in the eastern territory.

Sandra Gurrís Hidalgo, an official from the Provincial Public Health Directorate, told ACN that this activity will include patients from the health areas of the main city, in a staggered manner, starting with the Julio Grave polyclinic in Peralta, and aims to facilitate self-validation and social integration.

The process will have the participation of a multidisciplinary team of specialists, made up of a psychologist, a defectologist, a psychiatrist, a doctor and a social worker, who will facilitate the individual evaluation, she said.

In turn, Liudmila Batista García, president of the organization, stressed that due to the characteristics of this population group, the legal representatives of each patient will also be included, who are responsible for management, medical and psychosocial care.

She pointed out that Acpidi has among its purposes to promote inclusive development and to accompany the State and Government bodies in these functions, hence the importance of integrating as many people as possible.

He stressed that the promotion of rights and opportunities will also be implemented, as well as promoting access to new technologies and scientific research focused on these purposes.

Cuba has more than 150 thousand citizens with intellectual disabilities, of which more than 18 thousand are from the province of Holguín, which makes it the second Caribbean island with the highest incidence of this indicator. (Source: ACN)

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