

## **ADA, Disability and Accessibility Online Resources**

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*Text of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA, 2008)*

[www.ada.gov/pubs/ada.htm](http://www.ada.gov/pubs/ada.htm)

### **Accessibility Beyond ADA Requirements**

*Visitability: Universal basic home design consisting of features such as one no step entrance and one restroom big enough for a standard wheelchair to turn around in.*

[www.concretechange.org](http://www.concretechange.org)

*Universally Designed Playgrounds: Integrated play equipment that helps children with disabilities develop motor skills, cerebral functions, physical strength, and social skills, including independence and self esteem.*

[www.shanesinspiration.org](http://www.shanesinspiration.org)

*Universal Design: Universal Design is the design of products and environments to be useable by all people without the need for adaptation or specialized design.*

[www.universaldesign.org/](http://www.universaldesign.org/)

### **Disability Awareness Information and History**

*Council for Disability Awareness: Disability Can Happen: Awareness and prevention of and planning for disability.*

[www.disabilitycanhappen.org](http://www.disabilitycanhappen.org)

*Disability Social History Project: Current and historical disability information, performances, books and videos.*

[www.disabiltyhistory.org](http://www.disabiltyhistory.org)

*Georgetown University School of Law: Comprehensive online archive of documents and history related to the ADA and ADAAA.*

[www.law.georgetown.edu/archiveada](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/archiveada)

*Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities: Comprehensive history of disabilities and disability rights movement.*

[www.mnddc.org/](http://www.mnddc.org/)

*State of Arkansas Protection and Advocacy Department PowerPoint on disability sensitivity:*

[www.rcep6.org/il/conference/DRC%20version%20Disability\\_Sensitivity.ppt#263,1,Disability\\_Sensitivity](http://www.rcep6.org/il/conference/DRC%20version%20Disability_Sensitivity.ppt#263,1,Disability_Sensitivity)

*University of California at Berkeley Disability Rights and Independent Living Movement: A history of the disability rights and independent living movement from the 1960s to the present.*

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/collections/drilm/>

*World Institute on Disability: Non-profit organization dedicated to promoting independence and societal inclusion of people with disabilities*

[www.wid.org](http://www.wid.org)

### **Education Resources**

*California Department of Education: Information and resources to serve the needs of persons with disabilities ages 3-21 years.*

[www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se](http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se)

*Disability Statistics Center- University of California San Francisco: The Disability Statistics Center produces and disseminates policy-relevant statistical information on the demographics and status of people with disabilities in American society.*

<http://dsc.ucsf.edu/main.php>

*Disability Rights California: Special Education Rights and Responsibility Manual.*

<http://disabilityrightsca.org/pubs/504001SpecEdIndex.htm>

*Santa Monica College Office of Disabled Student Services: Assists students with disabilities enrolled at Santa Monica College.*

<http://www.smc.edu/disabledstudent/>

*Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Department of Special Education: assists students with special needs and disabilities.*

[http://www.smmusd.org/special\\_education](http://www.smmusd.org/special_education)

*State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Area Board X: Self-guided tutorial on special education (all disabilities).*

[www.parentideaguide.com](http://www.parentideaguide.com)

### **Legal and Advocacy Resources**

*Bet Tzedek: Legal assistance including counseling and representation at trials, administrative hearings and appeals.*

[www.bettzedek.org](http://www.bettzedek.org)

*Disability Rights California: California's protection and advocacy system protecting the rights of people with disabilities through legislation, legal action and advocacy. Free resources and publications.*

[www.disabilityrightsca.org](http://www.disabilityrightsca.org)

*Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF): Advocates for civil rights for people with disabilities through the advancement of federal and state laws that further disability civil rights and through trainings and publications on disability rights laws and policies.*

[www.dredf.org](http://www.dredf.org)

*Housing Rights Center: Education and advocacy for rights of people with disabilities in housing.*

[www.hrc-la.org](http://www.hrc-la.org)

*Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles: Provides legal advice and limited representation in non-criminal cases. (Local coverage provided by Santa Monica office.)*

[www.lafla.org](http://www.lafla.org)

*National Disability Rights Network: Protection of and advocacy for people with disabilities; national and state resources and referrals.*

[www.ndrn.org](http://www.ndrn.org)

*Office of the Attorney General of the State of California: Legal Rights of People with Disabilities (booklet).*

<http://www.ag.ca.gov/consumers/pdf/disabled.pdf>

*People First of California, Inc. assists people with developmental challenges throughout California to learn personal empowerment, leadership, and self-advocacy.*

[www.peoplefirstca.org](http://www.peoplefirstca.org)

*Western Law Center on Disability Rights: Promotes the rights of people with disabilities by providing legal services on disability-related rights issues.*

[www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org](http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org)

*World Institute on Disability: Works nationally and worldwide is to eliminate barriers to full social integration and increase employment, economic security and health care for persons with disabilities. Conducts research, public education, training and advocacy campaigns; and provides technical assistance.:*

[www.wid.org](http://www.wid.org)

### **Local Direct Service Providers**

*Center for the Partially Sighted: The Center provides services to people of all ages to promote independent living for those with impaired sight.*

[www.low-vision.org](http://www.low-vision.org)

*Common Ground: Provides case management for HIV+ clients, HIV testing and prevention and awareness training and information.*

[www.commongroundwestside.org](http://www.commongroundwestside.org)

*EmpowerTech: Provides training in the use of assistive technology to access computers.*

[www.empowertech.org](http://www.empowertech.org)

*Meals on Wheels West: Delivers nutritious hot and frozen meals five days a week to housebound persons with a disability.*

[www.mealsonwheelswest.org](http://www.mealsonwheelswest.org)

*St. John's Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Mental health services from practitioners who are fluent in American Sign Language.*

[www.stjohns.org](http://www.stjohns.org)

*Step Up on Second: Case management and housing placement assistance for homeless persons with a mental illness.*

[www.stepuponsecond.org](http://www.stepuponsecond.org)

*Venice Family Clinic: Low cost and free healthcare for low-income persons.*

[www.venicefamilyclinic.org](http://www.venicefamilyclinic.org)

*Westside Center for Independent Living: Offers services to maximize the independence of individuals with disabilities including housing search, benefits preservation and services access assistance.*

[www.wcil.org](http://www.wcil.org)

*WISE & Healthy Aging Dial-A-Ride: Low cost curb-to-curb accessible transportation for seniors and persons with a disability.*

[www.wiseandhealthyaging.org](http://www.wiseandhealthyaging.org)

## **Local, State and Federal Government Resources**

### **Local**

*Infoline Los Angeles County: A directory of health and human services available in the Los Angeles area. (Telephone: call 211)*

[www.infoline-la.org](http://www.infoline-la.org)

*Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health: resources for obtaining mental health services.*

<http://dmh.lacounty.gov>

*Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters: Processes voter registrations and requests for permanent absentee balloting. Brochure on voting accessibility.*

[www.lavote.net/voter/accessibility/viyr\\_Brochure.cfm](http://www.lavote.net/voter/accessibility/viyr_Brochure.cfm)

*Personal Assistance Council of Los Angeles County: Serves as the employer of record for over 151,000 In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers; operates a registry to provide referrals for IHSS consumers and providers.*

[www.pascla.org](http://www.pascla.org)

### **State**

*California Department of Developmental Services: Agency providing services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities.*

[www.dds.ca.gov](http://www.dds.ca.gov)

*California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: Information about discriminatory practices; processes all State employment discrimination claims.*

[www.dfeh.ca.gov](http://www.dfeh.ca.gov)

*California Department of Motor Vehicles: Issues disabled person (blue) placards and license plates.*

[www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov)

*California Department of Rehabilitation: Works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment and independent living for individuals with disabilities.*

[www.rehab.cahwnet.gov](http://www.rehab.cahwnet.gov)

### **Federal**

*Access Board: The Board develops and maintains design criteria for the built environment, transit vehicles, telecommunications equipment, and for electronic and information technology. It also provides technical assistance and training on these requirements and on accessible design.*

[www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)

*Disability Info.Gov: Federal government's guide to federal and state resources for information on disability – related programs.*

[www.disabilityinfo.gov](http://www.disabilityinfo.gov)

*Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC): Information about discriminatory practices, processes all federal employment discrimination claims.*

[www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)

*Pacific ADA Center: ADA-required regional technical assistance center for private businesses and local government.*

[www.adapacific.org](http://www.adapacific.org)

*Social Security Administration: Administers Medicare and Social Security Disability Insurance; instructions and forms for applying for Medicare and SSDI.*

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

*U.S. Department of Labor Job Accommodation Network: The leading source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues.*

[www.askjan.org](http://www.askjan.org)

*U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy: Information, technical assistance and resources for employment of people with disabilities.*

[www.dol.gov/odep](http://www.dol.gov/odep)

*U.S. Department of Transportation: For questions or concerns regarding public transportation for persons with disabilities.*

[www.fta.dot.gov/civil\\_rights.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/civil_rights.html)

### **Public Policy and Rights**

*California Department of Justice, Civil Rights Section: Information on filing discrimination complaints.*

<http://ag.ca.gov/civil.php>

*Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities: Consults with and advises the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and the California Health and Human Services Agency on all issues related to full inclusion in the workforce of persons with disabilities.*

[www.edd.ca.gov/jobs\\_and\\_training/GC\\_on\\_Employment\\_of\\_People\\_with\\_Disabilities.htm](http://www.edd.ca.gov/jobs_and_training/GC_on_Employment_of_People_with_Disabilities.htm)

*County of Los Angeles Commission on Disabilities: Advises the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on a range of issues affecting the lives of people with disabilities.*

<http://laccod.org>

*National guide providing information and technical assistance on the ADA and other civil rights laws related to people with disabilities.*

[www.ada.gov/cguide.htm](http://www.ada.gov/cguide.htm)

*President's Comments on Signing the ADA (1990) (video)*

<http://whitehouse.c-span.org/Video/ByPresident/George-H-W-Bush-Signs-ADA.aspx>

*Current U.S. Administration's 2009 Disabilities Agenda*

[www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/disabilities/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/disabilities/)

### **Specialized Equipment Retailers**

*American Foundation for the Blind: Resource for products for people who are blind or visually impaired: browse by product, product category or manufacturer.*

[www.afb.org/prodmain.asp](http://www.afb.org/prodmain.asp)

*American Printing House for the Blind: The world's largest provider of accessible educational and daily living products for people who are blind or visually impaired.*

[www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)

*Disabled Dealer Magazine: Contains dealer and individual ads for mobility equipment, primarily vans and van lifts, also other resources for people with disabilities, reviews and articles.*

[www.disableddealer.com](http://www.disableddealer.com) (national website) or

[www.disableddealermagazine.com](http://www.disableddealermagazine.com) (local Southern California website)

*MaxiAids: Products for independent living for people who are blind or visually impaired.*

[www.maxiaids.com](http://www.maxiaids.com)

*Weitbrecht Communications: Products for people with hearing loss.*

[www.weitbrecht.com](http://www.weitbrecht.com)