

ADA, Disability and Accessibility Online Resources

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

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

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

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/

Advice for Home Remodeling for People with Disabilities: Considerations and resources for home remodeling for people with disabilities.

<http://www.expertise.com/home-and-garden/home-remodeling-for-disability-and-special-needs>

Disability Awareness Information and History

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

www.disabilitycanhappen.org

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

www.law.georgetown.edu/archiveada

Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities:

Comprehensive history of disabilities and disability rights movement.

www.mnddc.org/

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

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

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

Legal and Advocacy Resources

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

Center for Healthcare Rights: Counseling, advocacy and legal assistance for Medicare and related health insurance issues.
www.healthcarerights.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

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

Housing Rights Center: Education and advocacy for rights of people with disabilities in housing.
www.hrc-la.org

Lawyer Referral Service of the Santa Monica Bar Association: Referrals to an experienced attorney in the relevant area of law; small fee for half hour consultation.
www.smba.net

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

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

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

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

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

Local Direct Service Providers

ACCESS Services: Paratransit services for residents of Los Angeles County.

<http://accessla.org/home/>

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

Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center: Provides full range of mental health and substance abuse treatment.

www.didihirsch.org

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

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

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

www.stepuponsecond.org

Venice Family Clinic: Low cost and free healthcare for low-income persons. Case management for HIV+ clients, HIV testing and prevention and awareness training and information.

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

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

www.wiseandhealthyaging.org

Local, Regional, State and Federal Government Resources

Local and Regional

City of Santa Monica Government Outreach Customer Services Center (GO): Ask a question or report a service online, includes an ADA Issues topic link.

http://www.smgov.net/sm_go.aspx

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

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health: resources for obtaining mental health services. (Crisis line (800) 854-7771)

<http://dmh.lacounty.gov>

Los Angeles County Office of Childcare: Inclusion work group for children with special needs works to ensure the identification, early intervention and inclusion of children at risk for and with disabilities and other special needs in high quality child care and development programs in Los Angeles County.

<http://cao.lacounty.gov/ccp/cwsn.htm>

Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services: Administers In Home Support Services (IHSS).

www.ladpss.org

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

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

State

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

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

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

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

Federal

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

www.disabilityinfo.gov

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

www.eeoc.gov

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Justice: Information and technical assistance on the ADA.
www.ada.gov

Information on service animals
www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm
<http://www.ada.gov/qasrvc.htm>

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

U.S. Department of Transportation: For questions or concerns regarding public transportation for persons with disabilities.
www.fta.dot.gov/civil_rights.html

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Administers benefits and provides healthcare for disabled veterans of the U.S. armed forces.
www.va.gov

Public Policy and Rights

California Department of Justice, Civil Rights Section: Information on filing discrimination complaints.
<http://ag.ca.gov/civil.php>

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

President's Comments on Signing the ADA (1990) (video)
<http://whitehouse.c-span.org/Video/ByPresident/George-H-W-Bush-Signs-ADA.aspx>

Whitehouse Disabilities Page
www.whitehouse.gov/issues/disabilities/

Specialized Equipment Retailers and Personal Services

American Federation for the Blind: Resource for people who are blind or who have low vision; browse by product, product category or manufacturer.
www.afb.org/prodmain.asp

American Printing House for the Blind: World's largest provider of accessible educational and daily living products for people who are blind or who have low vision.

www.aph.org

Assisted Listening Device Locator: Find information about public and private locations with assisted listening systems.

<http://aldlocator.com/>

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

www.disableddealer.com (national website) or

www.disableddealermagazine.com (local Southern California website)

MaxiAids: Products for independent living for people who are blind or who have low vision.

www.maxiaids.com

Weitbrecht Communications, Inc.: Products for people with hearing loss.

www.weitbrecht.com