

# Bookmarks for Library Accessibility

## Americans with Disabilities Act Publications and Information

### [ADA Regulations and Technical Assistance Materials](#)

[www.ada.gov/publicat.htm#Anchor-14210](http://www.ada.gov/publicat.htm#Anchor-14210)

Source for free ADA materials from the U.S. Department of Justice. Publications are available in standard print as well as large print, audiotape, Braille, and computer disk for people with disabilities.

### [A Guide to Disability Rights Laws: 2002](#)

[www.ada.gov/cguide.htm#anchor62335](http://www.ada.gov/cguide.htm#anchor62335)

Booklet that provides a brief overview of ten Federal laws that specifically address the interests of people with disabilities and provides information about the federal agencies to contact for more information. Spanish, Cambodian, Chinese, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese editions are also available.

### [Commonly Asked Questions about Service Animals in Places of Business](#)

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

Publication explaining the requirements of the ADA regarding animals that accompany and provide services for a person with a disability. Spanish edition also available.

## Assistive Technology

### [Alliance for Technology Access](#)

[www.ataccess.org/default.html](http://www.ataccess.org/default.html)

A network of technology resource centers, organizations, individuals and companies that provides public education, information and referral, capacity building in community organizations, and advocacy/policy efforts to enable people to live, learn, work, define their futures, and participate fully in their communities.

### [California ATA Centers](#)

[www.ataccess.org/community/centers.lasso#CA](http://www.ataccess.org/community/centers.lasso#CA)

### [California State University, Northridge Center on Disabilities' Annual International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference \(CSUN\)](#)

[www.csun.edu/cod/conf/index.htm](http://www.csun.edu/cod/conf/index.htm)

A comprehensive, international conference, where all technologies across all ages; disabilities; levels of education and training; employment; and independent living are addressed. The largest conference of its kind.

## Blind or Vision Impaired

### [California Council of the Blind \(CCB\)](#)

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

Since 1934, the mission of the CCB is to gain full independence and equality of opportunity for all blind and visually impaired Californians.

### [Local CCB Chapter Information](#)

[www.ccbnet.org/chapters/htm](http://www.ccbnet.org/chapters/htm)

### [National Federation of the Blind \(NFB\)](#)

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

The NFB helps blind persons achieve self-confidence and self-respect and acts as a vehicle for collective self-expression by the blind. By providing public education about blindness, information and referral services, scholarships, literature and publications about blindness, adaptive equipment for the blind, advocacy services and protection of civil rights, development and evaluation of technology, and support for blind persons and their families, members of the NFB strive to educate the public that the blind are normal individuals who can compete on terms of equality.

### [NFB of California Local Chapter Information](#)

[www.nfbcal.org/nfbc/chapters.html](http://www.nfbcal.org/nfbc/chapters.html)

### [National Association for Visually Handicapped \(NAVH\)](#)

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

NAVH is a non-profit health organization solely dedicated to providing assistance to people who are partially sighted. Their mission is to help partially-sighted people cope with the psychological effects of visual impairment and to provide low vision services, visual aids and training to anyone in need of these services.

## **Cross-Disability**

### [National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped \(NLS\)](#)

[www.loc.gov/nls/index.html](http://www.loc.gov/nls/index.html)

A talking-book program established by an act of Congress in 1931 to serve blind adults. Expanded in 1952 to include children, in 1962 to provide music materials, and again in 1966 to include individuals with other physical impairments that prevent the reading of standard print. Any resident of the United States or American citizen living abroad who is unable to read or use standard print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation may receive service. Listings for California Regional and Subregional Libraries follow.

### [Braille and Talking Book Library - California State Library, Sacramento](#)

[www.library.ca.gov/html/pubser05.cfm](http://www.library.ca.gov/html/pubser05.cfm)

Serves: Northern California

### [Braille Institute Library Services, Los Angeles](#)

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

Serves: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties

### [Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, San Francisco Public Library](#)

[sfpl.lib.ca.us/librarylocations/accessservices/lbpd.htm](http://sfpl.lib.ca.us/librarylocations/accessservices/lbpd.htm)

Serves: City and County of San Francisco

### [Talking Book Library for the Blind, Fresno County Public Library](#)

[www.fresnolibrary.org/tblb](http://www.fresnolibrary.org/tblb)

Serves: Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare counties

### [Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic \(RFB&D\)](#)

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

A fee-based membership organization established in 1948 to provide recorded textbooks to veterans blinded in World War II. Materials are recorded upon request and are available for people who cannot effectively read standard print because of a visual, perceptual or other physical disability. **More** than 70 percent of those served by RFB&D in 2005 were identified as having a learning disability.

### **Deaf or Hard of Hearing**

#### [Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)

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

The A. G. Bell Association is a lifelong resource, support network and advocate for listening, learning, talking and living independently with hearing loss. Through publications, advocacy, training, scholarships and financial aid, AG Bell promotes the use of spoken language and hearing technology. For information about California chapters, contact [janecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:janecroft@yahoo.com).

#### [Association of Late-Deafened Adults \(ALDA\)](#)

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

ALDA is an international organization that works collaboratively with other organizations around the world serving the needs of late-deafened people and extends a welcome to everyone, late deafened or not, who supports its goals.

#### [California Association of the Deaf](#)

[www.cad1906.org/](http://www.cad1906.org/)

The California Association of the Deaf is a state-wide membership organization that is responsible for local Information and provision of support services to the National Association of the Deaf.

#### [California Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf & Hard of Hearing \(no link\)](#)

Eight agencies that advocate for and provide services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Each agency has its own website.

##### [Center On Deafness - Inland Empire](#)

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

##### [Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc. \(Fresno/Central Valley\)](#)

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

##### [Deaf Community Services of San Diego, Inc.](#)

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

##### [Deaf Counseling Advocacy and Referral Agency \(Bay Area\)](#)

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

##### [Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness \(GLAD\)](#)

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

##### [Norcal Center on Deafness \(Sacramento\)](#)

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

[Orange County Deaf Equal Access Foundation](#)

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

[Tri-County GLAD \(Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo\)](#)

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

[Captioned Media Program](#)

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

A free-loan media program of over 4000 open-captioned titles (videos, CD-ROM, and DVD). Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing as well as organizations offering public programs for audiences that include deaf attendees may become members.

[Deaf California News](#)

[www.deafcalifornia.info/](http://www.deafcalifornia.info/)

A moderated mailing list consisting of event announcements, news stories, press releases and job opportunities for and about the D/deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, and Interpreter Communities of California. The list is open to all, including family members, CODAs, colleagues, friends and new signers.

[Hearing Loss Association of America \(HLAA\)](#)

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

Opens the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy, and support.

[National Association of the Deaf](#)

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

Advocacy organization that promotes, protects, and preserves the rights and quality of life of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States of America. Website includes useful fact sheets on topics such as interpreting and captioning.

**Deaf-Blind**

[American Association of the Deaf-Blind \(AADB\)](#)

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

A national consumer organization of, by, and for people with both vision and hearing losses. Members have all types and degrees of combined vision and hearing losses or an interest in the works of AADB and the deaf-blind community. The mission of the American Association of the Deaf-Blind is to enable deaf-blind persons to achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity, and integration into the community.

[California Deaf-Blind Services \(CDBS\)](#)

[www.sfsu.edu/~cadbs/](http://www.sfsu.edu/~cadbs/)

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs to serve individuals who have hearing and vision problems with or without additional disabilities at no cost. Services include training, consultation, urgent on-site consultation, a Network of Family Support Providers, information and referral services, a quarterly English and Spanish-language electronic newsletter, videos and fact sheets on topics related to deaf-blindness, and a website listing upcoming events as well as past issues of the newsletter.

## **Developmental Disabilities**

### [The Arc](#)

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

Advocates for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through a network of members and affiliated chapters, The Arc improves systems of supports and services; connects families; inspires communities; and influences public policy.

### [California Department of Developmental Services](#)

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

Agency through which the State of California provides services and supports to children and adults with developmental disabilities. These disabilities include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, and related conditions.

### [Directory of Regional Centers](#)

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

21 regional centers with more than 40 offices located throughout California serve individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

## **Disability History**

### [Disability History Museum](#)

[www.disabilitymuseum.org/lib/](http://www.disabilitymuseum.org/lib/)

A digital archive that only exists online. Contains digital versions of images, texts, and other artifacts related to disability history that have been gathered from libraries and private collections across the country.

### [Smithsonian National Museum of American History: The Disability Rights Movement](#)

[americanhistory.si.edu/disabilityrights/welcome.html](http://americanhistory.si.edu/disabilityrights/welcome.html)

Website representing an exhibit that physically existed in the gallery from July 2000 to July 2001. Represents what a visitor to the museum would encounter when using one of the kiosks in the physical exhibition. Kiosks are web-based prototypes being developed for museum use.

## **Independent Living**

### [California Foundation for Independent Living Centers](#)

[www.cfilc.org/site/c.ghKR10PD1oE/b.695113/k.CB59/Home.htm](http://www.cfilc.org/site/c.ghKR10PD1oE/b.695113/k.CB59/Home.htm)

Core services mandated by federal legislation and provided by all ILCs: Information and Referral; Peer Counseling; Independent Living Skills training; Individual and Systems Change advocacy. Centers also may provide benefits counseling, employment readiness training, housing referrals, assistive technology services and legal aid. Typically, ILCs work with local and regional governments to improve infrastructure, raise awareness about disability issues, and lobby for legislation that promotes equal opportunities and prohibits segregation and discrimination.

### [Local California Independent Living Centers](#)

[www.cfilc.org/site/c.ghKR10PD1oE/b.735475/k.3345/List\\_of\\_California\\_Independent\\_Living\\_Centers.htm](http://www.cfilc.org/site/c.ghKR10PD1oE/b.735475/k.3345/List_of_California_Independent_Living_Centers.htm)

### [Independent Living USA](#)

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

Disability Community blogs, articles about what's happening all around the world, cartoons, etc.

### [National Council on Independent Living](#)

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

News, advocacy, employment, mentoring and internship opportunities, links to online resources for youth, seniors and veterans with disabilities.

## **Learning Disabilities**

### [Learning Disabilities Association of California \(LDA-CA\)](#)

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

Non-profit volunteer organization of parents, professionals, and adults with learning disabilities that promotes and supports the education and general welfare of children and adults of potentially normal intelligence who manifest learning, perceptual, and/or behavioral handicaps.

### [SchwabLearning.org](#)

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

Serves children in kindergarten through high school who struggle with academics because of learning or attention problems and supports their parents by providing practical, reliable, research-based information to guide them in helping their children. A nonprofit program of the private Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation.

## **Mental Health**

### [California Network of Mental Health Clients](#)

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

Statewide consumer organizations run by and for consumers of mental health services to promote consumer empowerment, provide information about mental health and other support services at the State level and address and advocate for mental health system issues.

### [California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates](#)

[www.camhpra.org/home/](http://www.camhpra.org/home/)

Membership organization that provides support to county patients' rights advocates; promotes public policy that protects the rights and well being of mental health consumers, the empowerment of mental health consumers, professional and ethical standards among advocates and training for advocates; and, serves as a forum for networking and information sharing among advocates.

### [California Mental Health Directors Association](#)

[www.cmhda.org/about.html](http://www.cmhda.org/about.html)

Provides mental health services for foster care children placed outside of their home county and technical expertise and policy direction to mental health directors and professionals throughout California. Association committees include an Ethnic Services Committee (available to consult with local planning boards, advisory groups, and task forces to help ensure that services to global minorities and cultures are enhanced), an Older Adult System of Care Committee, etc.

### [Consumer Organization & Networking Technical Assistance Center \(CONTAC\)](#)

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

Resource center for consumers/survivors and consumer-run organizations across the United States. Services and products include informational materials; on-site training and skill-building curricula; electronic and other communication capabilities; networking and customized activities promoting self-help, recovery, leadership, business management, and empowerment. Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services

### [Mental Health Association in California](#)

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

Local associations that provide information about community services and engage in national and state level advocacy.

### [Mental Health Association Chapters](#)

[www.mhac.org/about/chapters.cfm](http://www.mhac.org/about/chapters.cfm)

### [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)

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

Maintains a helpline for information on mental illnesses and referrals to local groups. Local self-help groups have support and advocacy components and offer education and information about community services for families and individuals.

#### [State and Local NAMI Chapters](#)

[www.nami.org/Template.cfm?section=your\\_local\\_NAMI](http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?section=your_local_NAMI)

## **People First Language**

### [Disability is Natural](#)

[www.disabilityisnatural.com/peoplefirstlanguage.htm](http://www.disabilityisnatural.com/peoplefirstlanguage.htm)

Resource from BraveHeart Press, the family-owned business of Kathie Snow, an author, public speaker, trainer, consultant on disability issues, and the mother of a son who has cerebral palsy. Website mission is to encourage new ways of thinking about disability and to help create a society in which all people are valued and included.