



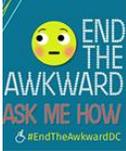
Government of the District of Columbia  
**Department on Disability Services**

*Celebrates the*  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

Throughout July an array of interesting activities will take place across the District of Columbia in recognition of the monumental impact this civil rights legislation has had on society. Take time to learn more about disability services and celebrate with people who may be differently able.

**Events sponsored by District agencies,  
 The Kennedy Center & Smithsonian Institute**



<p><b>July 15</b>  <b>End the Awkward</b>          Office of Human Rights (OHR)</p> 	<p>This one-day event empowers participants take a pledge to raise awareness and better understand disability issues. Commit to the day by wearing an "End the Awkward" pin and learn a few short talking points about respectful ways to interact with people with disabilities.</p> <p>To register as a member of the public, visit <a href="http://endtheawkwardDC.eventbrite.com">http://endtheawkwardDC.eventbrite.com</a>. To register your business, visit <a href="http://endtheawkwarddc-business.eventbrite.com">http://endtheawkwarddc-business.eventbrite.com</a></p>
<p><b>July 16 – 31</b></p> 	<p>The Kennedy Center and the Smithsonian Institute are hosting a cultural extravaganza throughout July to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VSA, the international organization on arts and disabilities. Many events are free beginning July 16 and include art and photography exhibits, and free concerts. Learn more at: <a href="http://www.2540celebration.com/about-2540/">http://www.2540celebration.com/about-2540/</a></p>
<p><b>July 22</b>  <b>Cabinet of Curiosities:</b>          How Disabilities was Kept in a Box ▪ 8 pm – 10 pm          American History Museum</p>	<p>This one-person, original piece by Mat Fraser offers a creative take on attitudes about disability that is equal parts cabaret, incisive lecture, and humorous commentary on museum displays of human difference. First come, first served. Includes mature content.</p>
<p><b>July 24</b>  <b>Conversations: Latinos &amp; the ADA</b> ▪ Noon – 4 pm          American History Museum</p>	<p>This gathering of professors, activists, and professionals from around the country takes on the historical and cultural issues related to how disability has been understood among Latinos in the United States. Thomas Perez, U.S. Secretary of Labor is among the panelists.</p>
<p><b>July 25</b>  <b>Disabilities Film Festival</b>          10 am – 5 pm          American History Museum</p>	<p>The museum will screen three documentaries made by or about people with disabilities. After each film, a curator moderates a lively discussion among the audience with directors or others connected to the film.</p>
<p><b>July 26</b>  <b>Legacy Bus &amp; Museum on Wheels</b> ▪ Noon – 4 pm          American History Museum</p>	<p>The ADA25 Legacy Bus and the Disability Rights Museum on Wheels spend the afternoon at the museum, creating historic photo-ops for its many followers.</p>
<p><b>July 27 – 30</b>  <b>NCIL Annual Conference</b>          Grand Hyatt Hotel</p>	<p>This year's theme: Generation ADA Rise Up. The annual march to the Capitol takes place on July 28, 10 am. Line up begins at the Grand Hyatt. For more information: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/owsz2k2">http://tinyurl.com/owsz2k2</a></p>