CeDIR would like to thank Matt Norris, Research Associate at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community and staff at ADA-Indiana for providing the following article on the upcoming 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

It has been my pleasure to provide staff support to ADA-Indiana for more than ten years during my time here at the Institute. ADA-Indiana is a collaboration of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, the Indiana Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities, and the Great Lakes ADA Center (part of the ADA National Network). But I should not forget to recognize the wonderful contributions made by volunteer board members over the years that have provided direction and support for the activities that surround the organizational mission of promoting the implementation of the ADA in Indiana.

I look forward to the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as a time to celebrate the progress that our communities have made in bringing down the “shameful wall of exclusion,” as President George H. W. Bush said upon signing this historic civil rights act into law on July 26, 1990.

But on such a monumental anniversary, I would also expect, for some, it will be a time of reflection as well. Have we made enough progress? What about the next 25 years? I think this type of reflection is what the ADA National Network had in mind when they started their national “pledge on” campaign to encourage individuals and organizations to “recommit” to the full implementation of the ADA. That is certainly one way to recognize the upcoming anniversary.

Another way might be to make it a learning opportunity. The ADA has been interpreted and amended over the years, and we can expect more changes as the law and regulations try to keep pace with our ever-changing society. I know the resources - books, websites, and other materials - provided in this edition of the CeDIR Citings will be useful to just about anyone who wants to learn more, from the person new to the Americans with Disabilities Act, to the person who might remember celebrating the signing of the Act on the White House lawn.

I want to thank the staff at the Institute’s Center for Disability Information and Referral for putting together such an informative Citings edition.

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2015 Indiana Disability Poll: Focus on the ADA, 25 Years Later

This year’s Indiana Disability Poll is asking Hoosiers about the Americans with Disabilities Act. As the 25th Anniversary of the ADA approaches, the poll will ask people with disabilities, family members, disability advocates, and interested others about their opinions on ADA implementation in Indiana and what’s needed moving forward.

Complete this year’s Disability Poll online, or contact Matt for alternative formats (call 812-855-6508, 800-825-4733, or email cwlab@indiana.edu).

http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=3657
Focus on: The ADA 25 Years Later

Websites

25th Anniversary Tool Kit
http://adaanniversary.org/
Celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in your workplaces, schools and communities with this tool kit.

ADA Signing Ceremony
http://ow.ly/Koa51
Watch a video of the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Great Lakes ADA Center
http://adagreatlakes.org
The Center provides information, materials, technical assistance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Topics addressed includes the non-discrimination requirements in employment, the obligations of state and local governments and business to ensure that programs, services and activities are readily accessible to and useable by people with disabilities.

Timeline of the Americans with Disabilities Act
https://adata.org/ada-timeline
A visual history of the Act.

U.S. Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Division
http://ow.ly/Koae6
The U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division is proud to play a critical role in enforcing the ADA, working towards a future in which all the doors are open to equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, integration and economic self-sufficiency for persons with disabilities.

Library Materials

Wonder what's available on the Americans with Disabilities Act in the library? The following may be checked out from CeDIR. Call us at 800-437-7924, 812-855-9396, or email us at cedir@indiana.edu.


