



The ADA and Centers for Independent Living

What is the ADA?

On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects people with disabilities from discrimination.

What it Means to be ADA Compliant

Simply put, being ADA compliant means that the appropriate and reasonable accommodations are in place for disabled persons. This includes things like large print, interpreters, having wheelchair ramps, and allowing service animals. These changes have been made accessible for everyone, regardless of their ability.

Current ADA regulations can be found on the website of The U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division <https://www.ada.gov/law-and-regs/>

About Center for Independent Living (CIL)

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential private non-profit agencies that are designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities and provides an array of independent living services.

How CILs Can Help

CILs can help by connecting you to Aging and Disability Networks. The aging and disability networks are made up of local, state, and national organizations and committed advocates working to support older adults and people with disabilities.

Connect with your local Center for Independent Living (CIL) by visiting <https://njacil.org/>

DAWNCil has been in operation since 1997 and currently serves over 3,000 people a year.

Learn about DAWN Center for Independent living at <https://dawncil.org/>