

AIDS Coordinator's Office (ACO)



The ACO was established in 1989 in the Community Development Department to provide a coordinated response through the development of strategies and policies to protect persons with HIV/AIDS. It was moved to DOD in 2000.

The ACO established Los Angeles as the first city in the nation to develop a coordinated policy to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and to protect persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The ACO has provided a wide range of services to the city including:

- Innovative research into HIV/AIDS risk behaviors, prevention techniques and treatments.
- Developing and managing contracts with community-based organizations to provide AIDS education and prevention, including HIV testing and counseling, distribution of educational materials to high risk groups and facilitate clean syringe exchange.
- Providing technical assistance to organizations to develop seminars and public forums to improve HIV/AIDS prevention.
- Implementing and overseeing Los Angeles' AIDS policy including advising the Mayor and City Council on AIDS issues.

AIDS COORDINATOR'S OFFICE

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Commission on Disability (COD)

The COD was established in 1989 in recognition of the City's commitment to expand equal opportunities and to provide the full extent of municipal services to all persons with disabilities. COD advocates for people with disabilities and investigates issues of non-compliance with the ADA, holds public hearings on critical issues, identifies priority issues to be addressed, and makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. COD meets the first Wednesday of each month in Room 350 of City Hall. The meeting's agenda and minutes can be obtained at www.disability.lacity.org/about-dod/commission-disability, by clicking the "agenda" tab.

Reasonable Accommodations



Upon request, Sign Language Interpreters, materials in alternative formats and other accommodations are available to the public for City sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be made at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled event or meeting date. You may submit your request electronically at <http://disability.lacity.org/procedures-forms/sign-language-interpreter-request-form> for **sign language interpreters** and www.disability.lacity.org/procedures-forms/communication-access-real-time-translation-cart-service-request-form for **CART services**.

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The Department on Disability



The Department on Disability (DOD) is committed to ensuring full access to employment services, programs, facilities and services. This is accomplished through strategic management and partnerships, community outreach, education, advocacy, training, research and improved service delivery, for the benefit of persons with disabilities, providers of essential resources, and policymakers.

History

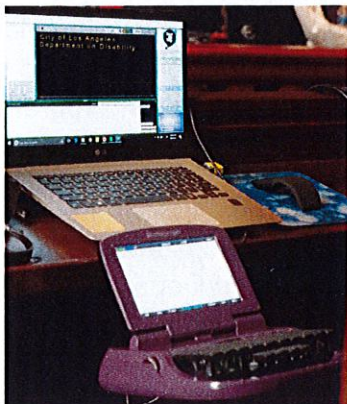
In 1990 the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) greatly expanded civil rights protections for persons with disabilities. Together, the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 require local governments to provide accessibility to public accommodations including public sector employment, buildings, facilities, programs, social services and transportation.

An office of disability was created in the Mayor's Office in 1975 as a response to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and in 1998 was renamed the Department on Disability by the Mayor and City Council as the first City department of its kind in the nation.

DOD is also committed to providing **emergency preparedness and disaster planning** for people with disabilities. Our office can help you prepare to survive the difficult days following a minor or major disaster. Dealing with a disaster can be very difficult for people of all ages who have a disability, and for those who care for them.



DOD provides **technical assistance** to City departments to ensure that individuals with disabilities are afforded meaningful access to City's programs, services, and activities using telecommunications products and services as well as emerging technologies. To ensure all electronic and information technology developed, procured, maintained or used by the City be accessible to people with disabilities, including employees and members of the public.



Department on Disability

Our department is responsible for ensuring that as an ADA Title II entity, the City of Los Angeles complies and provides accessible programs and services to persons with disabilities and to over 35,000 employees.

DOD can help you navigate City programs like Accessible Parking Zones (APZ) program and Sidewalk Repair Program/Access Request program. Our services also include a Mediation Program, Sign Language Interpreters, and Communication Access Real-time Translation Services.

Divisions

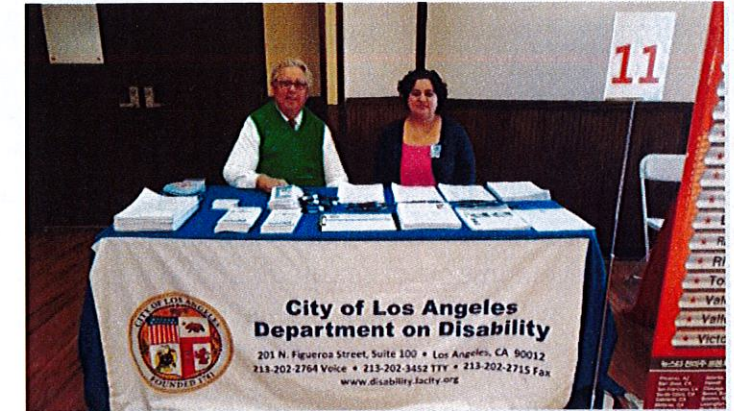
DOD is comprised of four divisions serving Angelinos, City employees and the City of Los Angeles.

Disability Access Services Division (DASD)

DOD coordinates and monitors the City's compliance with the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The ADA Coordinators work closely with all City departments to facilitate this process, which includes:

- Ensuring that all City of Los Angeles programs, services, activities, and facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities;
- Providing reasonable workplace accommodations for City employees with disabilities;
- Providing reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities who utilize City programs, services, and facilities;
- Advocating for persons with disabilities facing discriminatory treatment;
- Providing information about the rights and obligations of people with service animals and emotional support animals; and
- Providing general information on landlord/tenant rights and obligation under fair housing law.

Community Outreach, Referral and Education (CORE)



This constituent based service provides highly specialized critical services to over 1,000 persons with disabilities, government agencies and community-based organizations annually. This division creates ongoing collaborative relationships to promote referrals to social services that may include, but are not limited to: housing, emergency shelter, accessible transportation, employment, job training. Community education, events and outreach activities are coordinated throughout the year to inform the public on disability related matters and resources to enhance independent living.

CORE also provides **technical assistance** to City departments regarding the use of accessible communications under the ADA and §508 to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access through telecommunications products, services, and emerging technologies.