ADA 101 for Municipalities

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Did you know that nearly one in four Vermonters has a documented disability (Vermont Dept. of Health, 2019(opens in a new tab))? This could mean that one quarter of your residents need extra help in successfully participating in civic life. They could have a hard time seeing, hearing, walking, processing information, or using stairs. There are many things you can do to make it easier for people with disabilities in your community. These aren't just acts of kindness: you are required by law to do so.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), local governments must make their programs, services, and facilities accessible to people with disabilities. This training:

- builds your knowledge about disabilities and the law's requirements,
- highlights best practices for completing the required self-assessment,
- provides real-world stories about common pitfalls that may foil your efforts,
- helps you consider how programs and services are different from facilities, and
- delivers resources you can use to make the assessment process easier.

In this webinar, speakers from VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, the Vermont Center for Independent Living, and the Vermont Department of Health explain how to create a more welcoming community for your residents and visitors. Municipalities that comply with the ADA can increase their preparedness for upcoming grant opportunities like MERP and Library capital grants.

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